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ALBANY makes plans for the waterfront property known as the Bulb, others have already been making use of the former landfill, including those above, attract sightseers. Others using the site for dog owners letting their pets run off-leash and homeless encampments, such as the one below.

Culture at bulb poses hurdle

state will not take of the Albany site off-leash dogs are no allowed and the art owned

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — On a recent day, a steady stream of visitors, some on bikes, many on wash dogs — made their way to a parking lot next to the Albany bulb, a former landfill reclaimed by abundant art, paintings and found objects.

A group of local artists had food and beer and held a picnic party along the shore, next to a sea of surreal paintings, including a unicorn, a devil, and a car. A group of



dogs frolicked in a nearby pond.

Albany resident Dena Anthony brought a friend to the bulb for the first time to see the artwork.

"It's part of the culture of Albany," Anthony said, echoing an opinion of many who visited the bulb that day. "I think it's wonderful."

Residents may one day see that part of Albany disappear.

City and local environmental leaders say the California Regional Water Quality Control Board recently rescinded an order that had required the city to do an expensive clean-up of the

site.

The rescission takes a step toward transferring control of the bulb from the city to the state, so that the bulb becomes a part of the Eastshore State Park, an 8½-mile stretch of undeveloped land running along the shore from Oakland to Richmond.

While the state plans few changes at the bulb, save for a wind-surf launch where the bulb meets another piece of waterfront land known as the neck, the water board's move raises questions about the bulb's off-leash dogs and art.

The state will not consider taking control of the site until the city removes the art and prohibits off-leash dogs, said Brian Hickey, the Bay Sector superintendent for the state parks department.

However, Robert Cheasty, the president of the Citizens for the Eastshore State Parks, and City

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Concert plans are canceled

■ Resident failed to pay a fine for three events, and neighbors have called the fund-raiser inappropriate for a residential area

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Former Bill Graham Presents vice president Danny Scher has canceled a benefit concert in his backyard amphitheater in the wake of objections of some residents.

A press release Thursday announced the June 18 benefit concert has been moved to Downtown restaurant at 2101 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. Pop singer Jackson Browne is scheduled to headline the event, which will raise money to help send low-income children to a Mendocino summer camp.

Residents have protested the periodic concerts Scher holds at his home on Coventry Road. The county meanwhile is proceeding with placing a tax lien on his property after Scher failed to pay

an \$800 fine for three concerts held last year.

"For him it's not the money," Carlos Baltodano, the county's chief building inspector, said. "To him, it's the issue. He calls it the principal."

Scher did not return phone calls for comment but has said the county is unfairly targeting him, and that neighbors object to the concerts because they don't believe in the causes he supports.

Residents say the concerts, which feature professional lighting and sound, are commercial in nature and inappropriate for a quiet neighborhood.

"No one has ever criticized his intentions," said Toni Folger-Brown, a member of the Coventry Neighborhood Group. "What they criticize is the disruption to the community."

Folger-Brown and others in the Coventry group have also objected to a proposed county events ordinance drafted by Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia.

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Ladies Erotica Society stays true to roots 30 years later

■ Kensington literary group still unabashedly explores sexuality, now adding themes of aging

By Brooke Bryant
STAFF WRITER

The first two books by the Kensington Ladies Erotica Society, celebrating everyday sensuality, were published in soft cover, while the third got the more prestigious hardcover debut.

"It tickled us that it came out in hardcover," said Rose Solomon, a 64-year-old society member. "We sort of like the fact that at our old age we've gone from soft to hard."

That's the kind of sly quip that has turned the ladies into erotic icons with an international audi-

ence.

This is not your grandmother's erotica — except it sort of is.

The Ladies were flirting with their 40s when they first formed in the 1970s, and are now well into their 60s and 70s. But their musings feature more talk of Viagra and mortality than before; they still steer clear of prudery, happily declining to bury their sexual imagery under layers of allegory and euphemism.

Their ranks are shrinking and scattered throughout the Bay Area now, but their ardor is

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City shows interest in church property

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Located on San Avenue just north of the city's police stations and City Hall, the El Cerrito Christian Center is outgrowing the home where it began 61 years ago.

The 250-member church supplants 22 countries and weekly worship services and meetings, the church aims to grow, said Rev. Flavio Carvalho, the church's senior pastor.

Carvalho pictures an adjacent K-12 school, a gym for nightly games, and a studio to house the center's contemporary music group.

The church would like to buy the property, but the city already has plans for the lot.

for sale last year, is struggling to find a new home in El Cerrito.

"We didn't realize it would take this long or be this difficult to find it," said church board member Sheryl Gigourtakis. "If you're not right on it, they get 40 or 50 bids, especially for empty property."

Gigourtakis said the church has seen some promising property in the El Cerrito hills but has nixed the idea in favor of locating closer to the freeway where the facility would be more accessible.

Ideally, said Carvalho, the church would expand onto an empty lot owned by the city and located directly north of the Christian Center.

The church would like to buy the property, but the city already has plans for the lot.

Karen Pinkos, the assistant to the city manager, said last week that El Cerrito was considering buying the church and moving the senior center onto the city-owned lot.

The plan is part of an effort to build a new civic center while giving the city library, now adjacent to the senior center on Stockton Avenue, room to expand.

"El Cerrito has been pretty good about helping us out," said Gigourtakis. "They've told us if we find a piece of property in El Cerrito, especially if it's their property, we can do a trade, so to speak."

"They've been pretty willing to work with us. Richmond has also; it's just that no one has any property. El

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

PARISHONERS MEET in the courtyard of the El Cerrito Christian Center last Sunday. The property, which is next to the fire and police station, has been put up for sale as the church looks for a new site.

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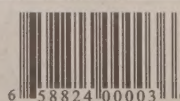
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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Housing regulations to be discussed

The planning and zoning commission will discuss new regulations designed to increase the number of affordable housing units in the city at its June 14 meeting, said associate planner Billy Gross. If approved by the City Council, the affordable housing regulations would require developers building more than 10 units of housing to set aside 15 percent of those units for households with low or very low incomes or pay a fee.

The city is also looking at offering developers increased density in exchange for building affordable units.

Resident Clay Larson said he was initially concerned that the new regulations would allow developers to bypass height limits and other building regulations.

He said language for inclusion within the regulations offered by commissioner David Arkin at a meeting on Tuesday held promise that the city would not allow that to happen.

"I think everybody's concerns are going to be addressed, hopefully at the next meeting," said Larson, following the meeting.

The planning and zoning commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. Call 510-528-5760 for more information.

— Alan Lopez

Albany High musicians will perform

Albany High School's chorale, string orchestra and chamber music club will perform "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the school's little theater, 603 Key Route Blvd.

The concert, organized by the school's music directors Beth Snellings and Joan Sextro, will benefit the Albany Music Fund. Admission is \$5. For details call Janice Bettiga at 510-527-2562.

— Alan Lopez

Spring festival offers 'A Taste of Albany'

The Albany Chamber of Commerce will hold its spring festival, "A Taste of Albany — A Small-Town Walkabout" from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday on Solano and San Pablo avenues. For details, call 510-525-1771 or visit www.albanychamber.org.

— Alan Lopez

Kol Hadash to hold family picnic, BBQ

Kol Hadash, a Jewish Humanistic congregation, is holding a free family picnic and barbecue on June 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Terrace Park. The organization will provide information about its Sunday School and Mitzvah programs. Residents should bring picnic and barbecue items. For details e-mail event@kolhadash.org.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Council urged to approve campaign law

The El Cerrito Democratic Club is urging the City Council to approve a law limiting the amount of money candidates can spend on their council election campaigns.

The club is basing its request on AB583, a state law proposed by Assemblywoman Loni Hancock. Hancock's bill, dubbed the California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act, would give candidates running for state office the option of funding their campaigns using state money in exchange for forfeiting donations from individuals and political action committees.

The club approved a resolution supporting Hancock's bill at its April 26 meeting. In a letter sent to council members and the city manager in May, the club urged the council to adopt a similar ordinance.

"It's something we're willing to consider," said Mayor Sandi Potter of the request. "But having been working through the budget process, we haven't been able to agendize it yet."

— Alan Lopez

Applications accepted for commission

El Cerrito is inviting residents to submit an application for a position on the city's Human Relations Commission. The term expires Jan. 1, 2007. The commission meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. It initiates education and cultural programs and promotes tolerance and respect. Pick up an application at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., or call the city clerk at 510-215-4305 for more information. The deadline for completed applications is June 10. The City Council is scheduled to interview applicants on June 20.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito Magazine copies available

Some 800 copies of El Cerrito Magazine are available at City Hall and the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce office. City Hall is located at 10890 San Pablo Ave. at Manila Avenue. The chamber office is located just south at 10848 San Pablo Ave.

The free magazine offers a business directory and touts the city's good side with articles about the Ohlone Greenway, the El Cerrito High School archiving project, the city's creek upgrades and more. Graphic artist Rodney Hiram, the publisher of the magazine, mailed it to every home in the city last month. Hiram intends to publish the magazine annually.

The City Council is scheduled to approve a proclamation thanking Hiram for his effort at its June 6 meeting, said economic development analyst Betsy Morris.

Call City Hall at 510-215-4300 or the chamber at 510-233-7040 for more information.

— Alan Lopez

Kensington

Community Council offers day camp

The Kensington Community Council is offering a summer day camp for children in first through sixth grades from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 13 through Aug. 19. The Monday through Friday camp includes field trips and activities such as hiking, tennis lessons, arts and crafts and chess. The cost is \$185 per week with partial scholarships available. Details: 510-525-0292 or www.aboutkensington.com.

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, May 23

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Someone stole a bike from the bike rack at Albany High School. There were no witnesses.

Wednesday, May 25

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 9 p.m. officers arrested a 24-year-old Alameda man who was urinating on a fence on the 1000 block of Eastshore. He was cited for an outstanding UC Police warrant for assault charges and released with a notice to appear.

Thursday, May 26

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — Between noon on May 25 and 2:30 p.m. on May 26 someone stole tools from a white Ford pickup parked at Golden Gate Fields on the 1100 block of Eastshore. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A purple 1994 Honda Civic was broken into during the night while parked at 555 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

■ **DRUG CHARGES** — At about 8 a.m. officers responded to the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports that someone had set up a camp and was sleeping behind a business. Officers arrested the 48-year-old Richmond man for possession of a controlled substance and for an outstanding Contra Costa County warrant for failure to appear for DUI charges. He was cited and transported to the Martinez Jail.

■ **VANDALISM** — Officers responded to the Memorial building at about 8 p.m. on two reports of teens putting graffiti on the building. They were gone by the time officers arrived.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 9 p.m. officers received a call from a bar on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue regarding a man who was acting violently. The man's mother had called and told the bartender not to serve her son. He was last seen heading south on San Pablo Avenue on a bike. About 15 minutes later the mother called officers to report that her son was banging on her windows and possibly drunk. Officers arrested the 39-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct and transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

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■ **MAZDA RECOVERED** — Officers

located a gold Mazda near San Pablo and Portland avenues that had been stolen from Berkeley. They did not have anyone in custody, and the owner was notified.

Saturday, May 28

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a red BMW near San Pablo and Central avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 22-year-old Albany man, for DUI and driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **VANDALISM** — At about 10:15 p.m. officers responded to a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of someone causing a disturbance. The arrested Oakland man and a San Francisco man for vandalism. They were both transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **DUI** — Officers stopped a red Toyota at about 10:30 p.m. near San Pablo Avenue and Harrison Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a Berkeley man, for DUI. He was transported to Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, May 29

■ **STOLEN LICENSE PLATE** — Officers investigated a green 1987 Acura near Pierce Street and Solano Avenue because it had expired registration.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, May 17

■ **CHECK FRAUD** — Police arrested a 37-year-old Richmond man on suspicion of attempting to cash a stolen and forged check at Bank of America at 4:47 p.m.

■ **STORE THEFT** — Police arrested a man on suspicion of attempting to steal more than \$600 worth of medicine at Albertson's at 9:10 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Police arrested a 24-year-old man on suspicion of assault after responding to a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of Albemarle Street at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 23

■ **FORGED CHECK** — Police arrested a 36-year-old Richmond woman on suspicion of attempting to pass a forged check at Atlas Liquors at 5:40 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24

■ **ATTEMPTED THEFT** — Police arrested a 53-year-old San Francisco man on suspicion of attempting to steal watches and vitamins from Target at 1:45 p.m. The man had prior theft convictions, police said.

Wednesday, May 25

■ **ASSAULT CHARGE** — Police arrested a man on suspicion of attempting to run over a police officer after the officer stopped him for a traffic violation on Interstate 80 at the Solano Avenue exit at 4:19 p.m. Police said the man drove the vehicle backwards and missed the officer by 4 feet. After he got out of the car, police booked the man on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on an officer and transported him to the county jail.

■ **JEWELRY STOLEN** — Jewelry was taken from a home in the 600 block of Balra Drive at 5:20 p.m. Someone entered the home through an open bathroom window, police said.

Thursday, May 26

■ **ROBBERY** — Two male juveniles robbed a man of a small amount of cash at Central and Clayton avenues at 6 p.m.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A 1993 Honda Civic was taken from the 2000 block of Carquinez Avenue between 8:30 p.m. on May 26 and 7:45 a.m. the next day.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Cash was taken from a 2001 Honda Civic in the 2000 block of Carquinez Avenue between 7 p.m. on May 26 and 8:30

BUSINESS NAME FILINGS

The following individuals or corporations filed fictitious-business-name statements in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The Journal makes every effort to ensure accuracy but cannot be held responsible if there are errors or omissions in this list. The Journal gathers information from fictitious-business-name filings with the counties; not all listings are new businesses. These listings are a public service and do not satisfy requirements that business owners advertise legal notices of their business names.

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Friday, May 27

■ **PICK-UP STOLEN** — A 2003 Ford F-250 pickup truck was taken from the 1400 block of Arlington Boulevard at 1:10 a.m.

Saturday, May 28

■ **STEREO STOLEN** — The stereo was taken from a Chevy Cavalier in the 800 block of Shewlin Drive between 7 p.m. on May 28 and 9:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A 1996 Honda Accord was taken from the 900 block of Avis Drive between 8 p.m. on May 28 and 10 p.m. on May 30.

■ **HONDA RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1991 Honda Civic in the 2300 block of Mira Vista Drive. The vehicle had been reported stolen in Oakland the previous day.

Sunday, May 29

■ **NISSAN RECOVERED** — Police recovered a 2004 Nissan Frontier pickup truck at Safeway on San Pablo Avenue shortly after the vehicle was taken from the 1500 block of South 56th Street at 3:40 a.m. The owner of the vehicle had left the engine running. Police did not immediately find the person who stole it.

BART board OKs fare hikes, parking fee

BART's board of directors voted May 26 to raise fares by 10 cents, slice discounts for seniors and disabled people, and adopt parking fees at 10 stations to help seal off a \$53 million deficit.

The dime-per-trip hike takes effect in January, while \$1 parking fees could begin sooner, although directors said they want more study on whether to charge for parking all day or only during morning commute hours.

Even with the fare and park-

ing hikes, BART approved a balanced budget for only the second time in its history. It was designed to show that BART could have to take pay and profit cuts when contracts expire next month.

The board approved a parking charge at nine stations including North Berkeley, Ashby, and a \$5 charge at Oakland, which is more popular with motorists.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Time is right to address affordable housing need

Albany officials are beginning to address the flip side of stellar school scores and soaring real estate prices: a lack of affordable housing. All Bay Area cities have experienced a sharp spike in home values in recent years as historically low interest rates propelled one of the biggest real estate booms in history. And the boom has been particularly loud in Albany, thanks in large part to the appeal of its school district.

Home buyers seem willing to pay any price to get their children into the city's top-notch schools. In April, the median home value in Albany reached \$580,000, according to DataQuick Information Systems, a real estate information firm. That was higher than the median of \$560,000 for all of Alameda County and surpassed such cities as Castro Valley, Newark and Union City.

Now the City Council is wrestling with how to provide more affordable housing. A proposed law would require developers building more than 10 units of housing to set aside 15 percent of those units for households with low or very low incomes. In Alameda County, a low-income household is defined as a family of four earning \$66,250 a year. Very low income is a family of four earning \$41,400 per year.

While the proposal appears to address a pressing need, concerns have been raised about the incentives offered developers to build more affordable housing. Some worry that such a law could allow builders to skirt city building standards and exceed height limits on their developments. David Arkin, a member of the planning and zoning commission, proposed language in a meeting Tuesday that seemed to allay some of those fears. The commission will take up the matter again June 14.

We hope the City Council approves this law and seeks other ways to stimulate the building of affordable housing in Albany. While rising home values create personal wealth and generate higher property taxes, they also run the risk of excluding a growing number of people from all the attributes a city such as Albany has to offer. The city's schools are rightfully a source of pride, offering hope to young families who want nothing more than a good education for their children. But it's important that they remain accessible to all income groups, not just people of privilege. And it's important that the city continue to draw people from all walks of life, regardless of their income status.

For those looking to buy their first home, the housing boom has been more a burden. Home buyers are now going to great lengths to obtain a mortgage, taking out interest-only, adjustable-rate loans with no down payments. If interest rates rise in coming years, they may be hard pressed to meet their monthly payments. But if they wait and watch home values continue to rise, they risk being priced out of the market for good. For those who can't buy a home, the next best option is to find an affordable place to rent in a quality city like Albany.

The situation underscores the need for more affordable housing for both home buyers and renters in cities such as Albany. The city should be proud of the fact that so many people wish to live within its borders. And it should take whatever steps it can to make those wishes a reality.

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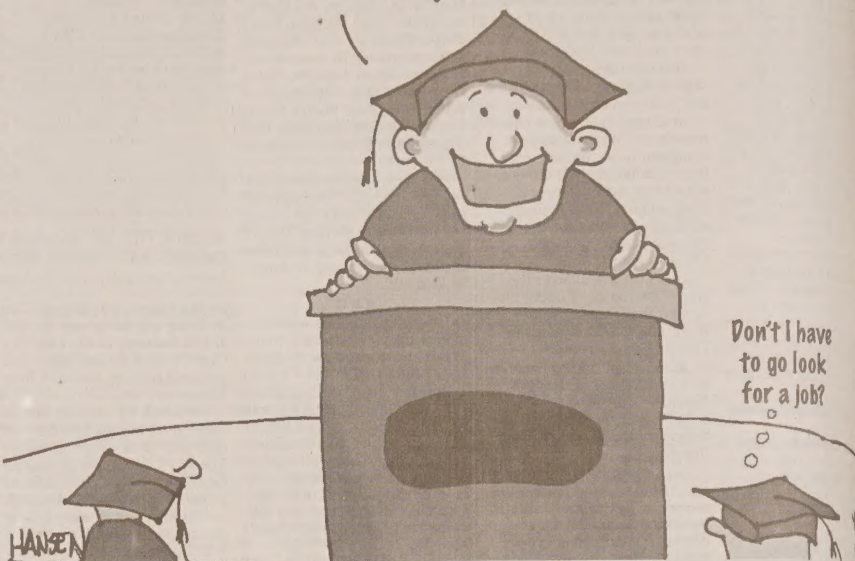
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HAPPY GRADUATION

Welcome to permanent recess.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor and GOP are out of touch

On May 24, Karen Hanretty, a spokeswoman for the California Republican Party, spoke at a San Ramon country club and blasted unions representing public employees and teachers.

This letter is in response to her published statements.

I am one of the public school teachers who participated in the Sacramento rally on May 25. I did not "get the day off" to go to Sacramento. I taught every one of my classes. I did not "fly to Sacramento." I took a bus, just as thousands of others did, which is why it took an hour for our bus to finally get a spot at the curb to pick us up after the rally.

While waiting, we saw buses from, among other places, South San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Redding, Eureka and Red Bluff.

Yes, those teachers from far away had to miss a day of teaching, but it's not the case that their "districts ... (had to) hire substitute teachers." Those teachers arranged for their own substitutes and were docked for the personal day they took to advocate for their students, their retirements, their class sizes and their teaching supplies.

Characterizing our pensions as "exorbitant," Hanretty said, "Why should they retire with a better retirement than those of us in the private sector when we're footing the bill?" I've got news for Hanretty and the governor: teachers, nurses, firefighters and peace officers all pay taxes, too.

She not only disparaged public servants, including teachers and substitute teachers, but also those who participate in political protests.

Well, I took my 8-year-old daughter on that bus with me so she could see that protesting is a part of being in a democracy. I want my daughter, who attends public school, to know firsthand what it takes to change school budgets.

When the GOP and the governor have spokespeople such as Hanretty, is it any wonder so many Californians think the governor is out of touch with real life?

Joanna Pace
El Cerrito

Failed strategy

The strategy that Robert Cheasty and his associates have been using to get a waterfront park has failed for years.

We have no park, and we have far more divisiveness today because of that strategy, which has been to heat up the rhetoric and try to get the public to see things in terms of villains and good guys. That strategy has been to refuse to consider anything other than their "plan."

In his letters published in the Journal, Cheasty asserts I am a longtime development advocate and of personally attacking him, but neither of these statements is true. His letters go on to cite activities on other East Bay waterfronts, none of which has anything to do with Albany's waterfront.

This kind of "debate" is not what we need in a small town such as Albany. We

need face-to-face, well-informed dialogue among the people who already believe they have the answers and the rest of us, who want to consider the options and create a waterfront that will serve all Albany residents.

We need to let people learn and speak for themselves.

Judith Innes
Albany

Pro-park vs. pro-development

A small group who favors adding development to the racetrack at the Albany waterfront have sent in letters recently, including the May 20 letter of development advocate Ruth Ganong.

She disagrees with park advocates such as Robert Cheasty, but she blurs the lines rather than clarifying the difference between her group and the park advocates.

The pro-development advocates apparently want to add development at the beach, and on top of Fleming Point (the last remaining part of the original East Bay Shoreline) and other locations on the waterfront, all in addition to the existing racetrack complex.

Add to this the expected wishes of the Southern California mall developer the racetrack has brought in, and you will have a mall in the middle of the Eastshore State Park.

The pro-developers are meeting with the mall developer to work on these ideas. What they really mean when they say they want everyone to keep an open mind about the waterfront is they want to get Albany to allow the mall developer to add development to the racetrack complex.

The park advocates want a park at the waterfront. They oppose adding development to the racetrack. Should the racetrack close, they have proposed a modest development to replace revenues for Albany and the school district.

But the pro-park concept can be put nearer the freeway, within the track footprint, and can convert 85 percent of the track lands to park. The pro-developers attack this plan as not environmental. But it provides a net increase in park and open space.

CESP, Audubon Society, Citizens for

the Albany Shoreline, the Sierra Club and thousands of us have worked to see the creation of the Eastshore State Park. Magna wants to build a mall in the middle of the park. That's the difference.

Cheryl Tauber
Albany

Public works for everyone

Is government morally or constitutionally obliged to provide infrastructure (road space) for every auto the manufacturers can sell?

In all the discussion about traffic congestion and growth management, is anyone aware that driving is not a right, but a privilege?

We should shift our focus and try to discover what, if any, constitutional obligation government has to citizens who do not, should not, or choose not to drive. Then, we might get a better idea of how to accommodate population growth without increasing traffic congestion.

No one should be forced to rely on modes of transportation so dangerous that they require seat belts, air bags or crash helmets. Yet, the unconstitutional coercion has been going on ever since started posting signs on all our freeway entrance ramps reading: "Pedestrians, bicycles and nonmotorized vehicles prohibited."

We created a subclass that professional planners thought they no longer had to deal with. Public works projects are supposed to benefit everyone, including those who don't drive.

We don't need all this costly and time-consuming debate about urban limits, smart growth, and transit-oriented development. Let's just level the playing field nationwide and require all states to prohibit any urban or suburban development that is not at least as accessible and functional for nonmotorists as it is for those who drive.

Cause of sprawl

I am opposed to urban limit lines because the lines do not address the cause of sprawl.

Those who want title holders paid for land sites outside the lines buy the common view that land can be owned. The view has been with us since the Romans conquered Europe. In general, the view people do not share that view. The reasoning is that land is a gift of nature whose value is not created by individuals.

The major cause of sprawl is the increase in urban land values that accompany increases in population, plus the increase in economic activity that goes with it.

If the desire is to make housing affordable in urban centers, stop punishing housing owners with taxes and place those with taxes based on the market value of the land sites, value that one person created.

George Ambrose
El Cerrito

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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...classes spanning a range from
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...System Works," Duke
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SCHOOL NOTES

...The Albany Unified
...District and Board of Educa-
...tion announced donations totaling more
...than \$100,000 in support of schools
...across the state for the 2004-05 school
...year. Here is a list of the
...donations: SchoolCare, the
...Albany Music Fund,
...Albany Education Founda-
...tion, Parent-Teacher Associa-
...tion, \$114,400; Athletic Boost-
...ing Albany High School
...\$10,000; cheerleading tryouts are in
...progress from 4-5 p.m. Support
...members by having their cars
...in the "Fun in the Sun" fund-
...raiser on Saturday.

ERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

...The High School
...In a break from tradi-
...tional high school's grad
...uation held this year at the Turf
...Gate Fields, June 11
...to 5 a.m. The event had
...to accommodate the demoli-
...tion of the gym in preparation for a
...new, said parent Ellie
...The event, intended to pro-
...vide and sober graduation
...at El Cerrito High School stu-
...dents include music, dancing,
...games, food and more. Ad-
...mission is \$5.

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JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

tem that unfortunately doesn't
readily adapt itself to the refer-
ence desk of a public library.

Now that I am going into
my seventh year, that excuse
has worn a little thin, and I'm
actually not sure why I have
this problem. In fact, what's in-
teresting to me is that I am a
person who normally remem-
bers any number — better than
names, usually. But somehow
the link between a book and a
number has been out of my
reach.

I can, of course, find books
for library patrons, either by
looking them up on the compu-
ter or using the handy
Dewey sheet we give out. I
have also come to recognize
where a section of books is —
which aisle, which shelf — just
by having looked for them so
many times. For instance, I

know where to find the origami
books, the mission books, the
magic books and the history
books, and sometimes I can
walk directly to the pet books,
although not always.

The Dewey system — which
was invented by Melvil Dewey
in 1873 — seems like an excel-
lent idea. Because each volume
has a specific number, it is easy
to find a book on any subject
— as long as you know the
Dewey Decimal call number.
And, according to the Online
Computer Library Center
(OCLC), it is the world's most
widely used library classifica-
tion system.

In case you would like to
know more about this system,
here is an example: 500 is the
Dewey number for natural sci-
ences and math. Under that
heading are various topics such
as physics (530) and astronomy
and allied sciences (520). As-
tronomy is further broken
down into 523: Specific cele-
stial bodies. And under 523
come topics like: 523.6, comets,
and 523.7, sun. Furthermore, if
you wanted to know about
eclipses of the sun, you would
go to 523.78. The Duke Univer-

sity library Web site
(www.lib.duke.edu), by the
way, has a great explanation of
the Dewey system.

Since information is always
changing, evolving or being re-
examined, this system is con-
stantly being updated. There is
also what one might call an
old-fashioned American bias
built into it. For instance, the
numbers from 230 to 280 are
about some aspect of Christian-
ity — Christian theology (230),
Christian moral and devotional
theology (240), Christian or-
ders and local churches (250)
— while 290 encompasses all
other religions.

But according to the OCLC
Web site (www.oclc.org) —
OCLC has owned the Dewey
Decimal System since 1988 —
changes are being made. So,
I'll keep working on my Dewey
skills, and hope that some day I
will be as comfortable with
those numbers as I once was
with all those paperback books.

Reach librarian Julie Winkel-
stein at jwinkelstein@accl-
ib.org or at the Albany Li-
brary, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany poet and teacher Al-
ison Seevak will lead a drop-in
poetry-writing workshop at the
Albany Library on Wednesday
from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event
is held the second Wednesday of
the month. The library also holds
a poetry open mic with a fea-
tured poet the first Thursday of
the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Both free events are held in the
Edith Stone Room in the library,
1247 Marin Ave. For more infor-
mation, call 510-526-3720 ext. 17.
— Alan Lopez

Come to the Albany Library
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on June 11
and make an origami Ninja Star.
Learn the basic fold, then com-
bine 12 and make a wreath. Or
make a decorative Ninja-star-on-
a-stick. This traditional fold can
also be used to make a greeting
card or a beautiful pin. It's sim-
ple enough for second-graders
and complex and satisfying
enough for adults. Bring your
own wrapping paper or origami
paper or use the paper provided
by the library.

The instructor for this event
will be artist, teacher and story-
teller Margo Weckless. Weckless
has been folding origami since
she was 8, and will fold anything

from gum and candy wrappers
and paper placements to recycled
class announcements and occa-
sionally even origami paper. This
event will be held in the Edith
Stone Room and is for all ages.
It is free, and no registration is
required. Cookies will be served.

For more information, call
510-526-3720, ext. 17.

— Craig Lazeretti

Join author William Wong on
Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the El Cer-
rito Library for a slide presen-
tation of historical photos from
his latest book, "Oakland's Chi-
natown." The photographs span
more than 100 years, encom-
passing the breadth of Chinese
life and experiences in Oakland.

William Wong was born and
grew up in Oakland's Chinatown.
He has been a journalist for more
than 30 years and is the author
of two books, "Yellow Journalist:
Dispatches from Asian America"
and "Oakland's Chinatown."

The library is located at 6510
Stockton Ave. The event is free.
For more information, call 510-
526-7512.

— Craig Lazeretti

Come to the El Cerrito Li-
brary and learn about the sum-
mer reading program, "Dragons,
Dreams and Daring Deeds." The
program runs June 10-Aug. 20,
and offers kids a chance to read
books and earn prizes.

"Dragon," a funny puppet
show about a dragon with a
problem, will be presented at 11
a.m. June 11 by P&T Puppets.

Readers Anonymous, the li-
brary's book club, meets on the
fourth Tuesday of the month at
7 p.m. Copies of the current se-
lection are available at the check-
out desk.

— Craig Lazeretti

334-5924 or scinelli@sbcglobal.net or
Suki Graves at 510-525-6222 or
Catherine.graves@sbcglobal.net.

Albany Middle School

GRADUATION NEWS: Today: Prom-
otion ceremony tickets will be distrib-
uted. Each child will receive four tick-
ets unless more are requested. Tickets
will be distributed at the end of the
day. Entrance to the ceremony is by
ticket only. Tuesday: book check. All
books must be accounted for in all
classes. Missing books and library
books must be returned or paid for in
order to receive yearbooks, etc.
Wednesday: locker check. Students
must clean up lockers. They may con-
tinue to use them, but stickers, old pa-
pers, etc. must be removed. Eighth
graders may keep the lock when school
is done. June 13: special
schedule for the week. Dismissal at
1:50 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednes-
day). Yearbooks will be distributed and
pan pictures handed out at fifth period.
Students must have cleared all bills in

order to receive yearbook. June 14:
promotion exercise practice. Eighth
graders will meet in the gym after
lunch and walk up to the Albany High
School gym. Dismissal will be at 2
p.m. June 15: awards ceremony and
promotion ceremony. Awards cere-
mony at 10:15 a.m. in the AMS gym.
Eighth-graders will be dismissed to go
home at about 11:30. Line up outside
the AHS gym no later than 4:15 p.m.
for graduation. Dress at the promotion
ceremony should be cool and com-
fortable. There will be a dance from 8-
10 p.m. in the gym for those students
who qualify. June 16: Marine World.
Students should arrive at 8:45 a.m.
The buses will leave at 9 a.m. sharp.
Bus boarding to return at 2:15. Buses
leave Marine World at 2:30 p.m. sharp
and return to AMS no later than 4 p.m.

AMS CHOIR: The final choir concert
will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the AHS
Little Theatre. Choir Director Joan
Sextro is retiring this year, so this will
be her last AMS choir appearance.

SPRING CONCERT: Thursday is the

spring band concert at 7 p.m. in the
gym. On June 13, the eighth grade
Jazz Band and Dessert Concert will
take place at the AHS Little Theatre.

Cornell Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS: Saturday: Silly
Olympics and Silent Auction, 10 a.m.
— 4 p.m. Thursday: PTA meeting, vol-
unteer recognition. June 15: Crazy
Hat Day, school BBQ, fifth grade-staff
kickball game, 12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m.
June 16: Fifth-grade promotion cere-
mony, 1 p.m. on the courtyard.

Marin Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS: Wednesday:
Community Sing, 8:35 a.m.; June 14:
BBQ and Hat Day. Parents, siblings,
and friends are invited to join in for a
hot dog lunch, including fruit, potato
chips, ice cream and milk. Vegetarian
hot dogs available, \$2.50 adults and
\$2.25 children. Students may bring a
lunch from home. June 14: fifth grade
balloon toss at noon.

VOLUNTEER TEA: Marin parent vol-

unteers are invited to The Volunteer
Tea on Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. to
3 p.m. in the library. Childcare pro-
vided on the primary yard.

Ocean View Elementary

BOOK EXCHANGE: Book Exchange
Week is June 6-10. Coupons for
books brought in through today are
redeemable at the Book Exchange
during regular library time. The library
will also be open 5-7 p.m. on
Wednesday for book exchanges be-
fore the talent show.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Today: Book
Art exhibit, Rooms 3, 5, 9, 18; fifth
grade orientation at AMS, 10 a.m. to
noon; Wednesday: Talent show, 10
a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; June 15: Field
Day; June 16: Graduation ceremony,
12:45 p.m.

— Robert Menzinger

— Craig Lazeretti

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PTA MEETING: The PTA will vote on
officers and activity/event leaders for
the 2005-06 school year at its Monday
meeting at 7 p.m. in the staff room.

Portola Middle School

CEREMONY: Eighth-grade promotion
ceremony is Wednesday at 7 p.m.
PARTY: Eighth grade party is Thursday
from 12-2:45 p.m. in the Portola gym.
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Children

■ **Habitot Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, presents: Scholastic Early Childhood Book Fair through June 6. daily Little Reader Book Fairs: buy new books; proceeds help Habitot give books to low-income families. — Water Safety Day is June 3. Barbara Cheatham from Alameda County Health Department provides information on how to keep your child safe in water this summer. — Choke SAVING Skills Day is June 7. Hashim Anderson, EMT will demonstrate choke saving skills at 11 a.m. www.habitot.org or 510-647-1111.

■ **Julia Morgan Theatre's Family Film Sunday Series** continues with Disney's "The Aristocats" 11 a.m. June 5 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Animated musical feline adventure from 1970. Tickets: \$5 at door. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents summer musical theater classes for youths with start dates June 20 through Aug. 1 at Epworth Community Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., North Berkeley. Details: www.stagedoorconservatory.org or 510-521-6250.

■ **Animal Origami** with Mitsuko Yoneyama, for kids 4 years and older, to celebrate the Grand Opening of RabbitEars Pet Supply and Services is 3-4 p.m. June 25 at 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. 510-525-6155.

■ **Meet the Bunnies!** Come meet prospective bunnies, arrange a play date with a new bunny and your family, or introduce your own bunny to a new friend. Find answers to all of your bunny questions. Make a bunny toy to take home with you. Event is 3-4 p.m. June 25 at RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. 510-525-6155.

Community

■ **William Rivers Pitt** speaks on "The Iraq War: Domestic Costs" 7 p.m. June 3 at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, Cedar Street & Bonita Avenue, Berkeley. Admission: \$5-\$15, no one turned away. 510-524-4244.

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■ **Womansong Circle** meets 7:15-9:30 p.m. June 3 at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 345 Channing Way. Potluck snacks and social time 6:45 p.m. Suggested donation \$8. Womansong Circle meets first Fridays monthly, welcomes all women to join voices in community singing. Chants, folk songs, sacred songs, humor, and spirit are woven through evening. No skills needed, just an open heart and a willing spirit. Details: Betsy 510-525-7082.

■ **East Bay Atheists'** next meeting is 2-5 p.m. June 4 at Berkeley's Main Library, 2090 Kittredge St., 3rd floor meeting room. Burt Bogardus will speak about separation of religion and government, and videos of San Francisco's All Atheist Weekend. Details: 510-222-7580.

■ **Recreational Equipment Inc.** 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: REI Service Project at Tilden Park 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 4. — Free Hands-on Bicycle Clinic 10:11-30 a.m. June 5, 19. — Trekking California slide presentation 7 p.m. June 7. — GPS 101 is 7 p.m. June 8. — Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June 12. — Great Yosemite Day Hikes & Weekend Backpacking Trips slide presentation 7 p.m. June 28. 510-527-4140.

■ **Longfellow Middle School's** first annual Spring Fair is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. June 4 at 1500 Derby St., in Longfellow playground at Sacramento and Ward streets, Berkeley. Proceeds benefit Longfellow programs. Community flea market, music, dance, talent show, games and contests for all ages, art activities and art sale, BBQ and Mexican food. 510-883-5258.

■ **California Writers Club** (Berkeley)

Branch)'s next meetings, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Event Loft, 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland: June 4 theme: "Budding Writers Bloom," features three top prizewinners of 19th annual Fifth Grade Writing Contest reading their work. Free. 510-482-0265 or www.berkeleywritersclub.org.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents pet adoption events in Berkeley: Cats available 12-3 p.m. June 4, 18 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. — Dogs available 12-3 p.m. June 11 at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Caribbean Cove Restaurant** grand opening celebration is 2-10 p.m. June 4 at 2556 Telegraph Ave. Live music, door prizes and giveaways, ribbon cutting ceremony with local officials. www.caribbeancove.com.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2-7 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market is 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street. It features all organically grown produce. — Saturday's market is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. All markets open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Upcoming events:** June 4: Family Fun Festival 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Clown show, live music including Asheba at 12:30 p.m., puppet show, girls' drill team, EarthCapes Environmental Vaudeville, Gary Lapow at 2:15 p.m., information & activity booths. — Summer Solstice Celebration June 18. Live music, crafts fair.

■ **Buddhist Psychology** — Sylvia Gretchen speaks on "Transforming Negative Emotions" 6 p.m. June 5 at Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. Coming up: Mary Gomes speaks on "Compassionate Activism" June 12. Details: 510-843-6812.

■ **City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force** meetings are held 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule is as follows: June 6, 20. www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/landuse/Creeks/default.html.

■ **Sufi Teachings & Zikr** is 7-9 p.m. June 6 at M.T.O. Center, 2855 Telegraph Ave., Suite 101, Berkeley. Sufi Zikrs are song of love combined with specific movements to create a state of remembrance and connection to the source of Life. Details: 510-704-1888.

■ **Trivia Cafe** is 7-9 p.m. June 6 at Ristorante Raphael, 2132 Center St., Berkeley. How much do you really know? Find out in a friendly competition hosted by Mavis of Minutia Howard Rachelson. Come alone or with a team. Cash prizes. \$10 minimum food & beverage, \$3 contest fee. 510-644-9500.

■ **Author William Wong** presents a slide presentation of historical photos from his latest book, "Oakland's Chinatown" 7 p.m. June 7 at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Photographs span over 100 years, encompassing the breadth of Chinese life and experiences in Oakland. Free. Details: 510-526-7512.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, presents the following free activities: Classical Piano Concert featuring Steve Aronson 1 p.m. June 7. — Play Croquet with Anne Sehluster 1 p.m. June 9. Ice cream sandwiches afterwards. — June is Lesbian and Gay Pride Month at the North Berkeley Senior Center: A video by Johnny Symons: Beauty Before Age "Growing Old in Gay Culture" shows 1 p.m. 510-981-5190.

■ **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center**, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, presents: "Punim: Our Spoken Treasures" free exhibit through June 7 in lobby. — Community-Wide Tikken Leyl Shavuot June 12-13 8 p.m.-7 a.m. Learn both Torah and current events with instructors. Free. — Multicultural

Shavuot Festival is 1 p.m. June 19. Free. — Philip Roth Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. June 20. Fee: \$10 per session, registration required. 510-848-0237 or www.brjcc.org.

■ **35th annual Live Oak Park Fair** is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. June 11, 12 at Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Fair showcases 120 booths of original arts and crafts, live jazz presented by Berkeley's Jazzschool and freshly made foods. Free. Free shuttle from North Berkeley BART runs every 20 minutes. 510-898-3282, www.liveoakparkfair.com.

■ **Tikkun Leyl Shavuot** (All Night Study) is 7 p.m. June 12 at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Experience the essence of Shavuot, giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, in a dusk to dawn night of learning with rabbis and scholars, whose backgrounds range from Orthodox to secular. Free. www.brjcc.org.

■ **Midsummer Mozart Festival's** 31st season will be introduced at "Mozart in the Garden" garden party 3:30 p.m. June 12 in private garden atop east bay hills. Party features an exclusive preview of the 2005 season, wine/champagne, summer buffet, concert with Maestro George Cleve and Festival artists. Admission: \$50, includes autographed souvenir Festival concert CD. All proceeds benefit Festival's artistic and outreach programs. 415-627-9141.

■ **Jewish Humanistic congregation Kol Hadash** holds a free family and couples Interfaith/Intercultural picnic and BBQ 11:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. June 18 at Terrace Park, on 1500 block of Terrace Street, Albany. Learn about their Sunday School and Miztvah programs. Playground area available. Bring picnic and BBQ items. Sodas, paper goods and fired-up BBQs will be provided. RSVP preferred. Details: Event@kolhadash.org.

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Bulb

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Administrator Beth Pollard said the city has no plans to remove the dogs or art.

"These are not insurmountable hurdles," said Cheasty. "They're just issues that need to be addressed."

Meanwhile, this month the city is planning to enforce its no-camping ordinance and evict a number of homeless people living in the bulb.

The state water board had ordered the city in 1983 to place a protective clay seal over the bulb, which had been used as a landfill for construction debris from 1963 to 1979, in an effort to protect Bay water quality.

Based on water-quality tests, the water board modified that closure order in 1999. The water board instead required the cleanup of toxic chemicals, in particular a separation or breaching of artificial lagoons on the bulb's west shore to improve water circulation.

Based on existing monitoring and analysis, the board has found no threat to water quality and lifted the 1999 order, saving the city \$750,000, Cheasty said. In doing so, the board also removed one obstacle that prevented the state from taking control of the bulb, according to the city press release.

Nevertheless, the water board's recent letter to the city has some residents worried about the bulb's popular attractions.

Artists, particularly an East Bay collective known as Sniff, along with residents with off-leash dogs and homeless people reclaimed the bulb in the two decades after dumping stopped there.

Today, overgrown vegetation and wildlife mingle with found-art objects, off-leash dogs and va-

cant encampments.

"It's my absolute favorite place to go," said Sasha Rutron, a dog-obedience trainer and a member of Let It Be, a group that lobbied to keep the bulb in its current state during the Eastshore Park discussions in 2002. "We need more, not fewer places for people to go with their dogs. And I can't even begin to imagine what the artwork and murals are doing to disturb people."

In response to resident complaints and the Albany waterfront committee's concerns about sanitation and security, the city will evict the bulb's homeless this month.

The city evicted a community of about 50 homeless people at the bulb in 1999, after the city approved a no-camping law. Some of the same homeless have returned, but there are also a number of new faces, said Tomas McCabe, the co-director of "Bum's Paradise," a documentary about the 1999 homeless encampments.

"Most people in the film are indoors now," said McCabe. "Most of them. Quite a few of them died, actually."

City public works employees, a police officer and a social worker mapped 16 campsites and warned campers of the impending eviction during a visit last month, said Albany Public Works Manager Rich Cunningham. The city hopes people will leave on their own but will help find shelter for the campers they evict.

"I think the homeless are going to take a big backseat to the art question," Cunningham said. "The homeless is a factor, but I don't think they engender the political interest on a broad scope that the art does. It's a different world because there are a lot of supporters of the art."

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Ladies

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undimmed. Founder Sabina Sedgewick, 69, is moving to Rossmore next year and plans to start a new erotica group there, while Solomon said the women hope to someday retire at a "home for wayward old women."

It all started with Sedgewick. "She was a librarian who was wondering as she was filing a collection of erotica why none of it was turning her on," Solomon recalled. The question struck a chord with other women. At first they met as a reading group but quickly found that Playboy and Anais Nin ("too masochistic for our taste," Sedgewick said) didn't do it for them.

They started writing their own stories, reading them to each other over potluck dinners. Though they loved it immediately, it was years before they began to think about publishing them.

The first book, "Ladies Own Erotica," came out in 1984, a mix of saucy stories and recipes, and immediately plunged the women into the limelight.

"It must have been a dead news period, because it was a mini news sensation," Solomon laughed. Two more books followed, along with cross-country book tours and interviews with the likes of Oprah Winfrey.

Due to the delicate nature of their subject matter, the ladies had to watch their words when they appeared on talk shows. "The v-word, vagina, wasn't allowed, and we had to be careful with p-e-n-i-s," Solomon explained, spelling it out.

They are often asked the difference between pornography and erotica. Sedgewick's reply: Erotica is about celebrating sensuality instead of immediate gratification.

"We're trying to put it in a human context that isn't exploitative," Solomon added.

In fact, that's the one limitation on their literary fantasy life, sparked by the masochism they saw as prevalent in 70s erotica: "We had a no-victims rule. Be bold, be brave, but don't be a victim," Solomon said.

The ladies concede that not everyone is comfortable with such open sensuality. "Women exploring their own sexuality might be challenging the con-

ventional order, and society doesn't like that," Solomon said.

But if society disapproves, their families don't. The women write under pseudonyms, and wear elaborate feathered masks when they appear in public, at first to protect their identity, now just for fun. The husbands appreciate the added spice, and Sedgewick's daughter even hung one of her missives, "Advice to a Penis Owner," up in her college dorm.

The most recent book, "Sex, Death & Other Distractions," was published in 2002, and this time the ladies tackled their own growing sense of mortality along with the tales of aging libidos. It was a natural outgrowth of the realization that they were "thinking more these days about the death bed than the marriage bed," Solomon said. "We were all beginning to feel it breathing down our necks."

But the group remains committed to exploring real-life sexuality and sensuality.

"It still is a nudge, nudge-wink, wink topic," Solomon said. "If you want to wake up an adult dinner party, just turn the conversation to erotic anything."

Concert

FROM PAGE A1

The ordinance would limit the number of annual events Scher could hold as well as the number of people that could attend.

Folger-Brown said the law would in effect allow Scher to legally hold the concerts the county has said are illegal.

The ordinance would limit events in residential districts to four a year, two of which would be restricted to 300 people and

the other two limited to 200 people. There also could be no more than two events in a 45-day period.

County planning staff are currently reviewing the ordinance and may revise it before it goes to the Board of Supervisors for approval in July, Gioia said.

The June 18 concert is scheduled to feature an acoustic performance by Browne and 1960s counter-culture icon Wavy Gravy as the master of ceremonies.

The \$200 admission will help send low-income children to

Camp Winnarainbow, a Mendocino County nonprofit circus and performing arts camp run by Wavy Gravy, whose real name is Hugh Romney.

The show is also scheduled to feature the Prescott Clowns, a performance group consisting of students from Prescott Elementary School in Oakland.

Because of the site change, the concert is now limited to 150 people.

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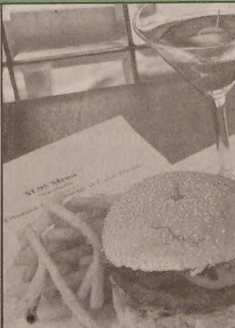
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Home

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home at 34 Stephens Way took center stage.

Architect Alexandra Martynetz of Origins Design Network designed this masterful use of space on what she called "a veritable Dumpster of tracing paper."

She had a difficult, yet well-executed task. She had to keep the house low so those who lived in the homes behind her creation could enjoy the views. The home also had to be strong as it served as the promontory's anchor.

Martynetz added a third criterion: "It had to be as sexy as possible without attracting attention," she said in a recent article "Where Water Meets the Sky."

Once she had taken the home from that tracing paper to the reality of approved drawings, Martynetz teamed up with experienced builder Jackson Mosher of Montclair Building Company. Their collaboration produced a fascinating blend of imagination and expertise.

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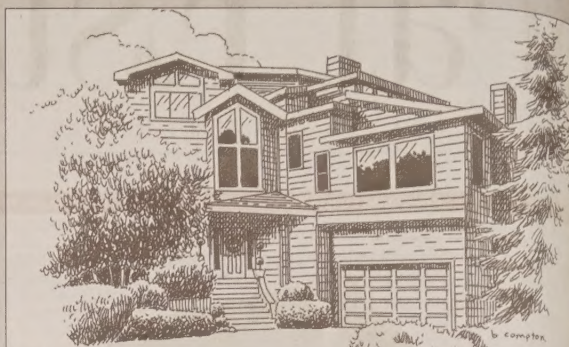
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ABOVE: INFORMAL DINING: The breakfast nook just off the kitchen looks out onto a rarity in the East Bay hills: a flat yard with lush grass and trees.

BELOW: FORMAL DINING: As it does with most other rooms in the home, light bathes the dining room. Tall ceilings give the room a formal touch.

Real Estate Focus:

Claremont hills contemporary



IDEALLY LOCATED AT BUCKINGHAM and Tunnel Road, this charming home has views of the hills and a peek of the South Bay. Built in 1993, this home has the best of contemporary and some hints of traditional. The formal dining room and living room are perfect for entertaining. A family room with fireplace adjoins the designer kitchen. There are three bedrooms and three bathrooms, including a master suite with fireplace and its own deck. High ceilings and tall windows throughout create an atmosphere of openness and light. Decks on all levels are perfect for outdoor access to the hills. The lower level has a work out room/office and interior access from the roomy garage.

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Help with down payment gives kids good foundation

BY PAMELA YIP
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Larry Tschirhart was more than happy to help his 23-year-old daughter, Amber, buy her first home in Dallas.

"I just felt that our daughter needed something to get her out of the apartment environment and

more into a residential neighborhood," said Tschirhart, an oil and gas engineer in Troup, Texas. "The residential areas are a lot safer. There's a more family/community-type environment."

Amber Tschirhart helped her with the down payment. "Historically, an important foundation."

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TIPS FOR PARENTS

Giving cash to help adult children buy a house can pay dividends by letting them avoid private mortgage insurance, build equity and expand their sense of responsibility.

But do not co-sign for the mortgage. Instead of a one-time gift, you'll have a potentially 30-year responsibility.

Besides, in these days of easy credit, co-signing is less necessary than it was in the past.

If you're planning to give a hefty amount, consider funneling it through the mortgage lender, so you know all your money is going straight to the bottom line at closing.

Don't let your children buy more home than they can reasonably afford as a monthly payment.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: An Alexandra Martynetz-designed home at 34 Stephens Way in Berkeley with a panoramic five-bridge view

Size: A 4,755-square-foot home on a 6,300-square-foot lot

Bedrooms: Three

Bathrooms: Three

Features: The home features extensive use of natural materials including Western Verde granite, Italian marble, slate, limestone, as well as Brazilian and native cherry wood. Some of the hand-selected light fixtures feature Murano glass. The home has a dumbwaiter from the garage to the main level, a laundry chute from the upper level to the laundry room, a custom-made front door and a security system that includes a front-door video camera.

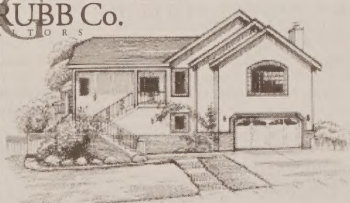
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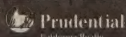
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A breakfast nook just off the kitchen offers an informal place to dine and has access to a wonderful level, grass yard. Nearby a built-in DCS gas grill with rotisserie and built-in patio seating are ready for your outdoor entertaining.

An artist-made sink accents the guest powder room. A home office and laundry room both have access to the outdoors.

A master suite with a fireplace and walk-in closet is found on the second floor. The master bath boasts a sound system, a spa tub, a shower with body jets and Dorn Bracht fixtures.

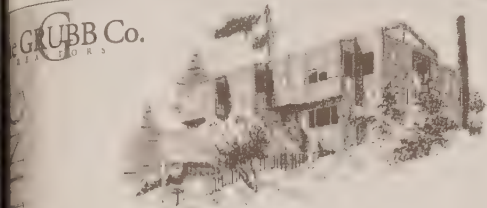
A separate bedroom wing includes two additional rooms and a full bath. An open balcony-style hallway with art shelves offers access to the terrace.

The home has a media recreation room with a built-in 10-foot bar that has storage both above and below. The entertainment system offers surround sound and DVD/VHS storage drawers. There is a full bath here, so this room could become a fourth bedroom. The sound system is wired throughout the house and the security system includes a front-door camera.

The home's two-car garage has interior entry, storage and a dumbwaiter that leads to the main level.

— Special thanks to Helen Nichols and the article "Where Water Meets Sky."

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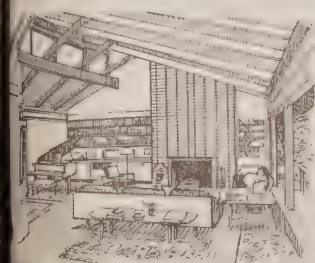
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Help

FROM PAGE B2

of down payments has been family," said Nicolas Retsinas, director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University.

"Most often it's parents, but it

can be extended family. Even in some of the foreign-born households, there are some of those same traditions — not necessarily getting money from parents but from extended families."

It's a great way to get children started on building wealth, said Craig Jarrell, president of the Dal-

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Amber Tschirhart, a newly minted nurse, jumped at the chance of becoming a homeowner.

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"I was just sick of wasting money on rent."

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"I'm excited, but it's a little scary," Amber Tschirhart said. "I feel like now I've entered the real world. If I don't like my job, I just can't quit. I have to stick it out."

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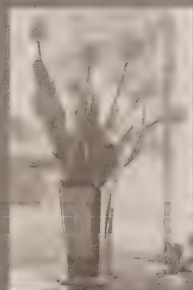


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This old house has character, hidden charm

Number 491 in a series of true homes in real estate. There were there to pick paint color. Sahdu who is the stager, Anet Sahdu stood near the door with a fan of paint chips in her hand. She said one strip out from the pack, then another, naming the colors as she went.

The house, built in the 1920s, has been lived in for a year. Except for yellowing pleated drapes and a few glass ornaments, the rooms are empty of furnishings but in the center of the living room is dusty wood paneling that has recently been painted up.

We use three of us stand and talk about the ceilings and trim, I go over the window, begin to remove the drapes, and look outside. There are three of them, all those thistle-like weeds that look crisp like celery but have those that are gray and dusty. Sometimes I find them camouflaged among other plants. They are very last and tall, seeming to grow overnight. I interrupt the color talk to move my friends over to the window to ask if we could win the contest. We end Contest at the fair one of them.

Sahdu chooses peachy-apricot and soft cocoa-brown colors, plus a lot of pure white. I try to describe to her the carpeting Anet and I picked for one bedroom, and just can't do it. "Big pattern but subtle,



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yellowish, not too much, oh, you'll get the sample in your mail today." We went back twice to pick out the carpet. We didn't want a carpet at all but there is no finished floor in that room. Only 1920 sheet linoleum — quite wonderful actually and we'd have kept it — but it's not in good shape. The carpet will look fine. It's the hallway that gave us fits, a small hall that connects kitchen to bath to bedrooms, and no finished floor there either. We thought we'd have to put down carpet there too, same as the bedroom, but it just begged me. I kept saying to Anet that the hall needed to be wood. We ended up going to our wooden floor people asking if there

was something they could do. There is: Pre-finished wood. We hadn't known until we went to the showroom, but it turns out that there

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that works but only if it's pulled to the side. Should we discard the sheet of glass that covers the buffet top? Or maybe, because it does protect the paint, put it somewhere

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BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

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BY ALAN J. HEAVENS
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

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"They want their own front door and their own address," architect Stephen Schoch says. "They don't want to be just another number in a block in a

housing project. They want to live like everyone else."

Even children who have lived only in public housing know what a house should look like, Schoch says. "Their drawings are of houses with gabled roofs and chimneys and front doors."

In Philadelphia's West Poplar neighborhood in 1997, for exam-

ple, residents were known of all kinds of housing. They chose the semidetached on a large lot with a side way," says John Kromer, consultant to the Fels Schreyer Government at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Melrose. Beautiful duplex with off street parking, new foundation, plumbing, electrical, and roof. Front 3BD/2BA Craftsman unit, master suite, cute sunny kitchen. Back 2BD/2BA unit is brand new construction with stylish details.

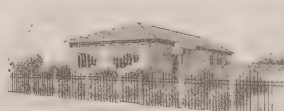
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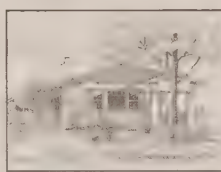


36 Kensington Ct., Kensington By Appointment

This property boasts the rare combination of unrivaled 4-bridge views & yard w/level entry. The 4-bdrm, 3-bath home is light, bright & in excellent condition, has cathedral ceilings, 2 fireplaces, an updated custom kitchen, hwd floors, & 2 master suites. Large office could be 5th bdrm.

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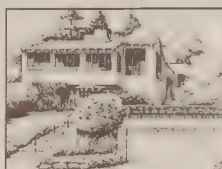


730 Peralta Ave., Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

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751 Spruce St., Berkeley By Appointment

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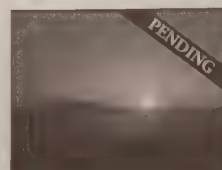


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Assistance. The Home Buyer Assistance Center in Oakland offers an information session, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 8. Learn about a new program that could make you a homeowner. Reserve a seat by calling 510-832-6925 ext. 100.

Investors. Bay Area Investors Educational Services of Oakland offers a monthly program on the benefits of and strategies for investing in real estate. The two-part program is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, in Berkeley. Hear facts and fiction about your home equity. Make a reservation at atmnberk@maison-nouveau.com.

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Here's a reminder to all Certified Residential Specialists. The Northern California CRS Chapter is offering a course on business planning and marketing. The class will be held Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10 in Santa Rosa. Realtors can get tuition information at www.nocalcrs.com.

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June 8 is Legislative Day in Sacramento. Meet with state legislators. Hear about upcoming laws that could change the way you do business. Learn CAR positions that will affect you and your clients. Your local associations are offering organized bus trips. Some trips plan continuing education and meals. For more information contact your local Association of Realtors.

THANKS

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The California Association of Realtors Member Advantage program offers members-only savings to California Realtors. Visit the member advantage page at CAR Online (www.car.org/membersadvantage) for more details.

WHO?

Doesn't it always seem that the most successful folks are the busiest? Rowan & Associates broker Patricia Williams is also the 2005 Secretary of the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter. She's reachable at 510-967-6661.

WHAT?

I'll announce your news item in this column if you send it to me. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbiereld@mindspring.com. Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191.

Seminar

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and Mila Nakpil. Additionally, team members Mathew Tsang and Anh Nguyen of Wells Fargo Bank, Sherry Mar of Placer Title Company and Jeffrey Schwalm of Farmer's Insurance Group will be on hand for home mortgage, title and insurance questions. These knowledgeable professionals work as a team in order to provide information on all aspects of the home buying process.

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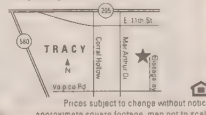


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A gardener's work space can be both functional, decorative

BY LUCY PERRY
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

If you're hardening off plants in your basement or taking up garage space with old pots, dangling hoses and bags of mulch, consider a potting shed.

Both functional and decorative, these outbuildings are where America's love affair with gardening intertwines with a gardener's need for organization. As gardening continues to grow in popularity, potting sheds are becoming a key feature in the backyard landscape.

Carolyn Hinkle considers her potting shed "gardening central" at her Independence, Mo., home. It's where she harvests the perennials she raises for the Independence Garden Club's pre-Mother's Day plant sale; last year she potted 750 of them.

"I do utilize my shed a lot," says Hinkle, whose husband, Larry, de-

signed it after the two spotted one they liked at a home show. The couple had the structure built by a local company four years ago. "We used some of their basic plans but told them how we wanted it to look," said Carolyn Hinkle.

Hinkle wanted her 16-by-10-foot potting shed to face the back of her house. From that position, she says, "you're looking toward your house so if someone is trying to get your attention, say, for a phone call, you'll see them."

Many potting shed owners say two elements are important: light and water. Hinkle says of the two, water is more critical. "You want to have water access. Now I have electricity because (starting) the first of April, I'm out there many times till 9 at night," she says. "But, you can get by without electricity, not water."

DOING IT YOURSELF

If you're designing the space yourself, trust your instincts. Think about your personality, the things you enjoy and how you'll use the space.

Allow enough space so that you can move around.

Avoid facing the structure west because of heat generated from that direction.

Consider temperature fluctuations. The potting shed should be wind- and rain-proof, but it should also be well ventilated, especially if you're working with seedlings. Keep a fan handy in the winter to ward off plant mildew and circulate the air.

Running water is a must; electricity is nice to have.

Install work surfaces and flooring that can be easily cleaned.

Incorporate recycled materials wherever possible.

Seedlings need lots of light, preferably natural sunlight. If your plans don't include lots of windows, consider installing grow lights or a bank of fluorescent tubes that can be lowered from the ceiling.

Allow for space and tools to sanitize work surfaces and containers. Maintain a clean work space to prevent the spread of disease to tender seedlings.

Sources: Floyd Hooper, Carolyn Hinkle, John Stewart, Andy Newcom and Lala Kumar, horticulture specialist with the University of Missouri Extension's Blue Springs office

Hinkle's husband designed the shed with a pitched roof. "My husband and the builders got to thinking it could get hot with a little old short roof."

Besides the front door, the shed also has a large side door where a concrete ramp allows Hinkle to run a cart in and out.

"Maybe I have a big wheelbarrow and I'm mixing soil and it starts to rain. I can run the barrow right into my potting shed."

The shed's floor is concrete as well. "I wouldn't be without it," Hinkle says. "You'll (store) bags of soil or fertilizer, and they can take on moisture. Plus, you're especially aware of the rain."

For most of her life, Hinkle uses a potting bench, keeps her tools on hooks near the shed's shelves and hangs her hats across the boardwalk rafters.

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"There are three storm door inserts I collected on heavy trash days from various places in the area," Stewart says.

"One window came out of our house where we put in a garden window," Stewart says. "One of my bosses took out a window so I salvaged it. The wood I recycled out of some decking. The shingles were leftovers from the last time I had my house roofed."

Stewart's original plans called for a concrete foundation, but using his deck as inspiration, he built a wooden platform on the ground with spaces between the planks, "so if I spilled something I could sweep it through the cracks in the floor."

Inspired by what he saw at a Cincinnati garden show, he "put guttering on top of the shed, and we planted hanging plants in it."

The shed's small porch is mostly for decoration. "It's designed more for putting pots on," says Stewart, who built shelves at different levels inside for hardening off plants that he starts in his basement during the winter. He put shelving in front of the windows so he could set out seedlings to thrive on the sunlight.

The greenhouse in Floyd Hooper's Overland Park, Kan., back yard was falling apart, so he had a new gardening work space built in 1998. "I wanted it to blend with the property and the house."

Hooper says his 14-by-10-foot outbuilding is a combination potting shed and greenhouse. With windows on one side for plants and shelves on the other for storage and potting, it was designed with skylights as well.

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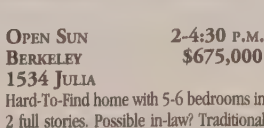
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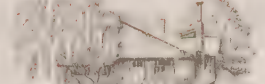


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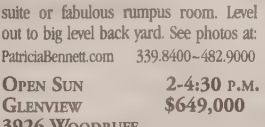
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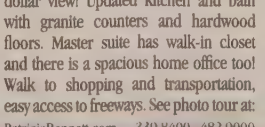
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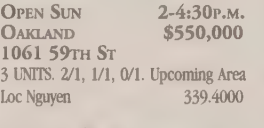
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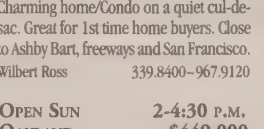
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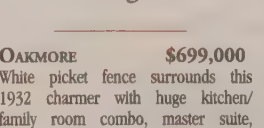
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Mortgage industry 'ripe for pickings'

cost Americans
billions of dollars

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The booming mortgage
industry has proven ripe for criminal
pickings. Cases of mortgage
fraud are mounting.

Financial toll is reaching
billions of dollars each
year, though the actual damage is
probably unknown, says William Matthews, vice
president of Mortgage Asset Re-
covery Inc. Losses hit con-
sumers, lenders and investors and
the industry, said one industry
analyst, in any combination, de-
stroyed the scam.

Last September, 533 FBI
mortgage fraud investigations were
opened, up from 102 in 2001, ac-
cording to a Mortgage Bankers As-
sociation analysis released in Jan-

uary. The same report also stated that
in September, banks had re-
ceived 100 cases of suspicious
activity for the year, com-
pared to 4,220 in all of 2001.

"We're seeing more incidents re-
gularly year and it's getting
worse, in terms of losses,"
he said.

Matthews, who co-authors an
annual mortgage fraud report to the

Mortgage Bankers Association of
America, sees the crime spree as
tied to the market's heady growth
- now nearly triple its \$1 trillion size
in 2000.

His reports don't calculate dol-
lar losses, which he said victims are
loath to disclose, and complaint vol-
ume is kept confidential. Despite
the very private nature of his work,

Matthews agreed to share his in-
sights. Insiders are the main cul-
prits, he said.

"There's fraud for commission,
where a professional such as the
mortgage broker, banker, realty
agent or appraiser changes docu-
ments in order to get a commis-

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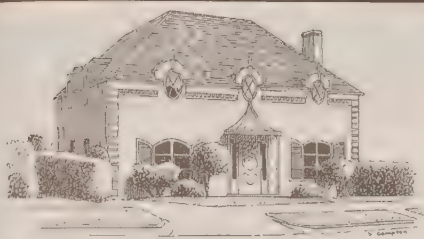
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This results in a loss to lenders. Then there's fraud for profit, where the con artists are people in the know — mortgage bankers, brokers, real estate agents, appraisers — are ripping off the system. Some of their schemes are just outrageous," he said.

Borrowers rarely fleece the system. "Oh, maybe they get their employer to fudge some numbers for them or get a relative to report a second job that they don't really

have. But what they do usually doesn't result in losses. After all, if you cheat to get your home, you'll probably give up a lot to keep it," Matthews said.

It's a shameful sign of our times, said David Callahan, research director at the public policy group Demos in New York, and Tim Doyle, director in government affairs for the Mortgage Bankers Association.

"This is just another area in American life where a boom, with all its money to be made, brought out the worst in us," Callahan said. "The carrots for cheating are getting bigger and even though the

sticks are hitting harder, our watchdogs are asleep so it's easy to get away with things."

The carrots sure are getting bigger. The mortgage-loan origination market shot up from \$1 trillion in 2000, the start of a refinancing tidal wave borne of super-low interest rates, peaking at \$3.8 trillion in 2003 before subsiding last year to \$2.7 trillion. "The housing market's been very active, property values have risen very quickly, so there's a sense that there's a lot of money out there to be had," Doyle said. "I'm shocked by how many reports there are every day around the

country about fraud convictions or indictments."

Too bad the mortgage industry has no single federal agency monitoring its affairs, said the industry experts. Government regulation is splintered and in some cases — notably mortgage brokers — almost nonexistent, they said.

"You can be driving a truck or selling cars today, and tomorrow be a mortgage broker dealing with large sums of money," Matthews said.

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tuitive. All you need is for that bubble to pop. If interest rates go up and maybe the economy takes a wrong turn, we could have economic catastrophe."

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"Fraud is America's little mortgage secret, and it's scary," Hummel said. "It touches those who know it's occurring and those who don't even suspect it."

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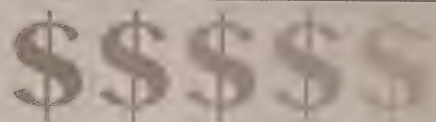
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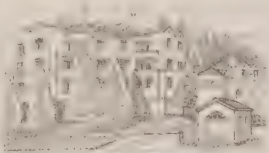
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So, it is not impossible and there are custodians available to assist you, but you might find it difficult to establish and maintain. There are numerous Internet-based resources available (I got more than 100 hits) that you can access simply by searching for "IRA" and "Real Estate" on an Internet search engine such as Google, MSN Search or Yahoo!

Q. I have been currently working for over five years in the field of urban planning. I am thinking about taking some appraiser classes. My question is how do appraisers get paid, and what is the average annual salary?

A. Appraisers typically are paid by the hour or by the assignment. Depending on the market where you would conduct appraisal work and the type of appraisal work being completed, the pay can range from approximately \$12 per hour to \$500 per hour.

Residential assignments will typically be around \$300 to \$500 per appraisal assignment (about a day's or two days' work) and complex commercial appraisals will take months to complete and can be \$10,000 to \$500,000 or more.

You will need a license to conduct appraisals, and you will need to take certain courses to obtain licensure. In addition to the classes and the state licensing

exam, you will need to complete a minimum number of hours.

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NEW REDWOOD HILLSIDE DRIVE

OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2-5PM



#1 El Carmelo Circle, Oakland ~ Offered at \$719,000

Charming 3 bedroom Traditional on a desirable cul-de-sac in central Redwood location. Spacious master bedroom with adjoining sitting room. Gleaming hardwood floors grace the sun-filled living room and formal dining room. Wonderful architectural details throughout this special home. Large eat-in kitchen. Plus room downstairs with full access to rear yard, sweet side yard patio and garden. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.



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OPEN SUNDAY JUNE 5, 1-5PM



A rare opportunity to own this area's most interesting Montclair home with over 3,000 square feet of living space. Sunlight filters through the home through lush trees and a creek enhances the tranquil setting. Updated kitchen and bathrooms, master bedroom, family room with hardwood floors, ceilings, and fireplace. French doors lead to a very secluded backyard with a patio and a flat lawn area.



6939 Paso Robles Drive, Oakland

Offered at \$739,000

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NEW CROCKER HIGHLANDS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2-5PM



1025 Hubert Road, Oakland
Offered at \$1,195,000

Relax or entertain in style in this lovingly maintained, 1924-built beauty on magical Hubert Road. The light-filled sunroom extends the formal living room space and opens, through French doors, to an expansive deck. Upstairs are three bedrooms and two baths, including a romantic master suite with fireplace and adjacent sitting room or office. A real jewel!



Dick Cohen
510.338.1308

NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2-4:30PM



4751 Davenport Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$625,000

This 2 bedroom, 2 bath Traditional home sparkles inside and out with its sunny spacious rooms and dynamite bay views. The remodeled kitchen gleams with beautiful floors, snazzy tile, state-of-the-art appliances and a classic O'Keefe & Merritt gas range. Living room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. French doors from the formal dining room lead to deck, patio and lovely fenced back yard with hot tub. Oversized 1-car garage.

NEW PARKRIDGE ESTATES LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2-5PM



25 Saddle Brook Court, Oakland
Offered at \$850,000

Charming 3BR, 2BA Traditional home with rare combination of curb appeal and a fabulous Parklands view! Located on a cul-de-sac, this 2-story home, with its dormers and inviting front porch, looks like it belongs in Cape Cod. Whether you're relaxing in the pool, gazing at the wonderful Parklands view, gardening in the large yard or enjoying the nearby hiking trails, you'll love living in this home.



Jack McPhail
510.338.1334

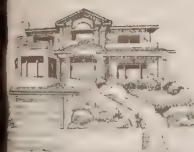
NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2-4:30PM



79 Selkirk Street, Oakland
Offered at \$735,000

Beautiful Traditional surrounded by gardens! Sunny and light. Formal dining room; eat-in kitchen; move-in condition. Close to schools, shopping and transportation. Three bedrooms and two baths.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,549,000
400 CONTRA COSTA RD.
Bright & beautiful 4BR/3.5BA home w/ indoor/outdoor living and casual dining. Many decks w/ SF & hill views. Great location. Dee Knowland x1318



PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$850,000
25 SADDLE BROOK CT. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Charming 3BR/2BA Cape Cod home with family room, hardwood floors, fabulous Parklands view, pool and large yard. Located next to East Bay Regional Parklands. Vicki Woodhead x1334



SAN LEANDRO \$739,000
2768 DARIUS WY. (Open 1-4)
Classic ranch-style home w/ 3BR, 2 remodeled baths, formal dining room, kitchen/family room combo. Open floor plan, hardwood floors, garden & patio. Candy Benny x1328



SAN LEANDRO \$697,000
837 GLEN DR. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Enchanting 3BR/2BA Tudor-style home, fabulous living room with beam ceilings, updated kitchen, family room, hardwood floors & secluded creek-side setting. Candy Benny x1328



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$625,000
4751 DAVENPORT AVE.
New Listing! Traditional 2BR/2BA home with sunny spacious rooms and dynamite bay views. Remodeled kitchen w/ classic O'Keefe & Merritt range, formal dining room, deck & yard. Dick Cohen x1308



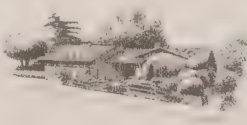
PIEDMONT \$1,395,000
1000 CIRCLE
Stunning serene setting, 5BR/4BA (2 master suites) Spectacular living & dining rooms open to large canyon views. Remodeled kitchen, family room, landscaped yard. Martha Holstlaw x1312



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$849,000
4515-4519 HARBOR DR.
Darling duplex in desirable neighborhood. Newly remodeled kitchen and baths. Each unit is 1BR/1BA. Nice backyard and covered porch. Dee Knowland x1318



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$735,000
79 SELKIRK ST.
New Listing! Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Traditional surrounded by gardens! Sunny and light. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. Close to schools, shopping and transportation. Jack McPhail x1336



OAKLAND HILLS \$689,000
2969 HEDGE CT.
Lovely 3BR/2.5BA mid-century home with family room and workshop. A cosmetic fixer that needs a little TLC to shine. Master suite, large yard, patio, courtyard and decks. Rich Gould x1347



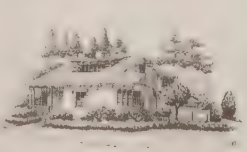
SAN LEANDRO \$499,000
575 DIEHL AVE. (Open 1:30-4)
New Listing! Sweet 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on a lovely street in the Broadmoor area. Family room, hardwood floors, attached garage, 2 fireplaces. Joan Hause x1358



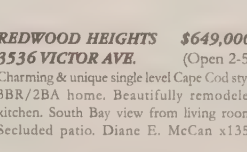
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,195,000
1025 HUBERT RD.
Lovely 1924 built in 1924. Light-filled sun room, French doors to an expansive deck. Master suite with fireplace and sitting room. Ann Nichols x1319



OAKLAND HILLS \$789,500
4800 GERANIUM PL. (Open 2-5)
Sophisticated 4BR/3BA home with in-law potential. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, spacious eat-in kitchen with stainless appliances. Handsome deck, yard & garden. Cindy Houts x1364



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$719,000
#1 EL CARMELO CIR. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Charming 3BR/2BA Traditional on desirable cul-de-sac. Wonderful architectural details, large eat-in kitchen, spacious master w/ adjoining sitting room. Patio & garden. Diane E. McCan x1352



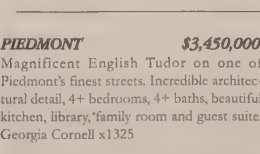
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$649,000
3536 VICTOR AVE. (Open 2-5)
Charming & unique single level Cape Cod style 3BR/2BA home. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. South Bay view from living room. Secluded patio. Diane E. McCan x1352



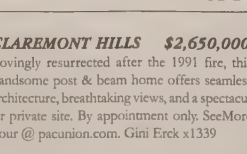
OAKLAND HILLS \$559,000
52 HERITAGE
Lovely 3BR/2.5BA townhouse on tranquil cul-de-sac. Living room w/ fireplace. Large dining area, crown molding, updated kitchen, patio & deck, 2-car garage. Jane Strauch x1332



MONTCLAIR \$879,000
101 JOHNSTON DR.
Full view from this secluded cul-de-sac. Beautifully maintained 3BR/2BA home in the desirable Piedmont side of Montclair. Hardwood floors, 3 baths, kitchen/family room with fireplace. Georgia Cornell x1325



PIEDMONT \$2,650,000
Extraordinary traditional in central Piedmont with fine architectural detailing & quality finishes. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, den & rumpus. Lush gardens, pool and 1BR/1BA cottage. Georgia Cornell x1325



CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,650,000
Lovely resurrected after the 1991 fire, this handsome post & beam home offers seamless architecture, breathtaking views, and a spectacular private site. By appointment only. See More Tour @ pacunion.com. Gini Erek x1339



OAKMORE \$995,000
1930's 5+ bedroom, 3 bath Grand Traditional. Richly detailed living room w/ vaulted ceilings & built-ins. Library, 4 fireplaces, remodeled kitchen, huge family room. Steven Biasatti x1379



MONTCLAIR \$819,000
Charming four bedroom, two bath traditional. Lush secluded garden setting. Spacious living room with fireplace, updated kitchen. Pretty architectural details. Leslie Avant x1341

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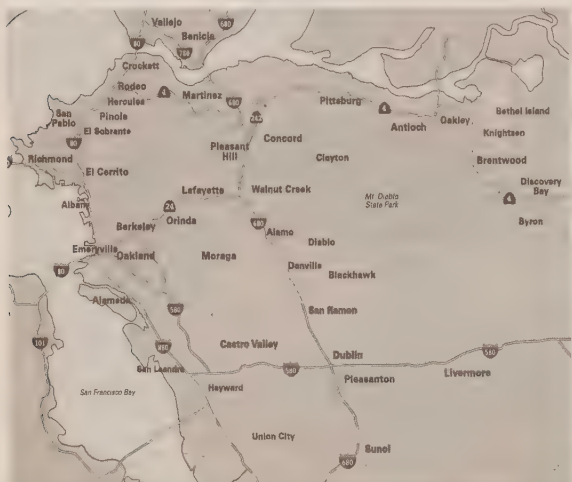
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Alameda			
\$325,000	218 Brush St. #1	3BD/1BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4		510-748-1108	
Gallagher & Lindsey	Bill & Griselda Bissett		
\$335,000	1715-A 2nd St.	3 BD/1 BA	
Sat 1-4		510-755-4003	
Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	John Chang		
\$349,000	1321 Webster St. #D308	1 BD/1 BA	
Sun 2-4		510-205-4369/205-3575	
Kane & Associates	D. Gunderman/A. Raskopf		
\$399,000	1500 #D Alameda Ave.	2 BD/2 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4714 / 814-4839	
Harbor Bay Realty	Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas		
\$425,000	339 Broadway #302	2 BD/1 BA	
Sun 2-4	East End	510-682-5232	
Harbor Bay Realty	Lena Sazo		
\$429,000	2106 Otis Dr. G	2 BD/1.5 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4882	
Harbor Bay Realty	Antoinette Bertolani		
\$439,000	1601 Broadway #3	3 BD/2.5 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-614-4819	
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy & Chuck Bianchi		
\$439,000	2106 Otis Dr. P	2 BD/1.5 BA	
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4810	
Harbor Bay Realty	Jane Friedrich		
\$479,000	617 Pacific Ave.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	West End	510-748-1178	
Gallagher & Lindsey, Inc.	Pam Paulson		
\$499,000	3120 La Campana	3 BD/1.5 BA	
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4874	
Harbor Bay Realty	Mark Playsted		
\$525,000	943 Lincoln Ave.	2+BD/2 BA	
Sun 2-4		510-521-5210	
Centennial Real Estate	Frank Manibusan		
\$549,000	1530 Ninth St.	2 BD/1 BA	
Sun 2-4		510-872-8236	
Kane & Associates	Karen Kellenberger		
\$549,000	2608 Eagle Ave.	2 BD/1 BA	
Sun 2-4	East End	510-522-7173	
Harbor Bay Realty	Beverly Williams		
\$550,000	2530 Washington Way	BD/BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-337-8670	
Prudential Alameda	M. "Sam" McDowell		
\$558,000	3113 El Paseo	3 BD/1.5 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-522-9600	
Harbor Bay Realty	Izabella Lipetski		
\$575,000	1133 Bismarck	-/-	
Sun 1-4		510-748-1197	
Gallagher & Lindsey	Jose Cerda-Zein		
\$589,000	1420 Ninth St.	3 BD/2 BA	
Sun 2-4		510-506-3383	
Kane & Associates	Kathy Ratto		
\$608,000	1626 Broadway	3 BD/2 BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-828-3118	
Kane & Associates	Kathie & Patrick Ng		
\$620,000	1217 Porta Ballena	2 BD/2.5 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4		510-814-4800/814-4826	
Harbor Bay Realty	J. Iverson/D. Williams		
\$668,000	510 Lagunaria Ln.	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Harbor Bay	510-748-1164	
Gallagher & Lindsey, Inc.	Justine Francis		
\$679,000	2809 Otis Drive	3 bd/1 ba	
Sat/Sun 2-4		510-508-2004	
Alameda Realty	Jim Mangiapane		

Alameda			
\$949,000	1441 East Shore Dr.	4 BD/2.5 BA	
Sun 2-4:30	East End	510-522-5497	
Landreth Real Estate	Laura Landreth		
\$959,000	2811 Windsor Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	Fernside Marina	510-814-4815	
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy Gordon		
\$989,000	6 Sand Harbor Rd.	3 BD/2.5 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	Lagoon Home	510-810-1443/410-6058	
Kane & Associates	Uli Lirosl/Mark Kane		
\$999,000	33 Parodi Ct.	4 BD/3 BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4887	
Harbor Bay Realty	Alex Mak		
\$1,415,000	1835 San Jose Ave.	8 BD/3 BA	
Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4802	
Harbor Bay Realty	Rich Krinks		
\$1,550,000	3225 & 3225 1/2 Fernside Bl.	510-508-1215	
Sun 12-4	2 homes on 1 lot	John McNulty	
\$1,250,000	1628 Alameda Ave.	6BD/5BA	
Open Sun 1-4	Duplex	510-895-5980	
Assist-2-Sell	Ed Corpus		
Albany			
\$475,000	417 Evelyn #201	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-734-1744	
Security Pacific	Pam Garbarino		
\$549,950	948 Ordway St.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-380-6010	
Better Homes Realty	Valerie Villaraza		
\$599,000	941 Taylor Way	2BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4pm		510-444-SOLD (7653)	
C21 Bay Realtor			
\$639,000	1110 Neilson St	3BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-527-5741	
RE/MAX	Anne Foreman		
\$875,000	1607 Sonoma Ave	5BD/3.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-292-2030	
Red Oak Realty	Catherine Stern		
\$899,000	796 Hillside Ave	4BD/3BA	
Sun 1:30-4pm		510-280-2145	
Red Oak Realty	Virginia Jones		
Berkeley			
\$399,000	2333 10th St	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-280-2138	
Red Oak Realty	Billy Karp		
\$399,000	3111 College Ave #C	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4pm	Elmwood	510-849-9900	
Maison Nouveau	Tory Finn		
\$495,000	1234 Addison St	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-524-9888x16	
Berkeley Hills Realty	Jean Auka		
\$495,000	3036 B Fulton	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		531-7006 x234	
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Beth Deatley		
\$499,000	1639 Julia St	Duplex	
Sun 2-4pm		510-280-2104	
Red Oak Realty	Tom Cone		
\$499,000	2371 Virginia Street #2	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.	Angela Wei Grubb		
\$499,000	2411 5th St	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-524-0800	
Marvin Gardens	Patrick Duffy		
\$565,000	730 Peralta	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Thousand Oaks	510-524-9888x19	
Berkeley Hills Realty	Arlene Baxter		
\$565,000	730 Peralta	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-524-9888x19	
Berkeley Hills Realty	Arlene Baxter		
\$595,000	2743 Fulton	Duplex	
Sun 2-5pm		510-280-2121	
Red Oak Realty	Katie Dain		
\$599,000	1457 & 1459 Stannage	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-527-2700x44	
Marvin Gardens	David Ratoosh		
\$599,000	1619 Delaware	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-280-2125	
Red Oak Realty	Kathy Nitsan		
\$629,000	1011 Hearst Ave	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Ocean View	510-339-9290	
Prudential	Michael Stephens		
\$629,000	1011 Hearst Ave	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Ocean View	510-339-9290	
Prudential	Michael Stephens		
\$649,000	2810-12 Martin Luther King	Duplex	
Sun 1-5pm		510-280-2121	
Red Oak Realty	Merritt Levine		

Berkeley			
\$675,000	1534 Julia	5+BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-517-4022	
Montclair Better Homes	Jim Schubert		
\$699,000	1016 Cedar St	4BD/3BA	
Sun 1-5pm		510-326-5800	
RE/MAX	Bill Grimsom		
\$710,000	731 Creston Road	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.	Susie Schevill		
\$725,000	1932 & 1934 Blake St.	2BD/1BA	
Open 1:30-4:30	2nd Unit 1BD/1BA	925-253-4600	
Coldwell Banker	Katie Macks		
\$729,000	876 Hilldale	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	N. Berkeley	510-339-9290	
Prudential	Lisa Friedman		
\$749,000	1340 ML King Way	3BD/1BA+(2)1/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4		510-748-5410	
Gold Coast R.E.	Dianne Richmond		
\$749,000	1511 McGee Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-280-2184	
Red Oak Realty	Sharon Delidrichs		
\$795,000	2591 Hilgard Ave	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Berkeley Hills	510-428-0900	
Prudential	Glass/Sabine		
\$849,000	63 Bonnie Lane	3+BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4pm		415-447-8210	
Keynote Properties	Gina Enriquez		
\$850,000	960 Keeler Avenue	3BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker	Marilyn Garcia		
\$929,000	450 Boynton Ave	4BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential	David Otero		
\$945,000	2012 Marin Avenue	4BD/3.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.	Helene Barkin		
\$1,025,000	40 Tamalpais Road	3BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.	Chris Cohn		
\$1,200,000	1171 Cragmont ave.	4BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker	Kim & Barbara Marienthal		
\$1,200,000	495 Cragmont Ave	4+BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	N. Berkeley Hills	510-339-9290	
Prudential	Heidi Marchesotti		
\$1,300,000	941 Creston Rd	3+BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-527-8822	
Millstein & Associates	Gene Millstein		
\$1,395,000	155 Alvarado Road	4+BD/3+BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.	Ruth Frassetto		
\$1,400,000	2156 Ward Street	5BD/4BA	
Sun 2-5		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker	Michael Powers		
\$1,750,000	12 Alvarado	5+BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-5		510-376-7440	
Pacific Union R.E.	Julie Nachtwy		
\$1,850,000	7112 Marlborough Terrace	3BD/3.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential	Heidi Marchesotti		
\$4,100,000	2 Hillcrest Road	8BD/5.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.	Bebe McRae		
Concord			
\$299,000	1155 Kenwal Rd B	2BD/1.5BA	
Sun 1-4pm		510-428-0900	
Prudential	Scott Thompson		
Danville			
\$919,900	35 Willey Court	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat & Sun 12:30-4:30	Glenbrook area	925-831-3343	
Coldwell Banker	B. Wilson/C. Davidson		
\$1,298,800	306 Zagora Drive	4+BD/3.5BA	
Open Sat & Sun 1-4:30		925-831-3343	
Coldwell Banker	Barbara Wilson		
El Cerrito			
\$534,950	637 Everett Street	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-899-8000	
Alain Pinel Realtors	Cynthia Schaffer		
\$725,000	405 Bonnie Dr	4BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-207-2968	
Thornwall Properties	Helen & Kathryn		
\$745,000	434-6 Richmond St	Duplex	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-303-8245	
Coldwell Banker Bartels	Sil Addiego		
\$749,000	1349 Contra Costa Dr	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-527-9111	
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El Cerrito			
\$799,950	2208 Pinehurst Ct	5+BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4pm	Mira Vista CC	510-517-4022	
Keller Williams	Jim Schubert		
\$879,000	5811 El Dorado St	4+plex	
Sun 2-4pm		510-326-5800	
Marvin Gardens			
Emeryville			
\$273,400	102 Liquid Sugar Dr	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4pm		925-253-4600	
Red Oak Realty	Katie Macks		
\$499,000	1046 45th Street	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-9290	
Pacific Union GMAC	Lisa Friedman		
Hercules			
\$585,000	148 Vierra Way	3BD/2BA	
Open Sunday 2-5		510-280-2184	
Stasky & Co.			
Kensington			
\$639,000	257 Colusa Ave	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-428-0900	
Marvin Gardens	Glass/Sabine		
\$799,950	623 Parkside Court	3+BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4pm		415-447-8210	
Security Pacific	Gina Enriquez		
Lafayette			
\$1,395,000	3266 Elvia Street	4+BD/3BA	
Open 1-4		510-339-9290	
Alain Pinel Realtors	David Otero		
Oakland			
\$275,000	385 Jayne Ave #306	4BD/3.5BA	
Open Sun 1-4	Adams Point	510-652-2133	
Re/Max E.Bay Hills	Helene Barkin		
\$289,000	2316 Lakeshore Ave #10	3BD/3BA	
Open Sun 1-4	Lake Merritt	510-339-0400	
Re/Max E.Bay Hills	Chris Cohn		
\$295,000	150 Pearl St #124	4BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-486-1495	
Commonwealth Co.	Kim & Barbara Marienthal		
\$315,000	742 Wesley Way 1 C	4+BD/	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Grandlake	510-339-9290	
Wellis & Bennett Realtors			
\$329,000	1 Kelton Ct 2A	3BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-5		510-339-9290	
Coldwell Banker			
\$338,000	1636 Tucker St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4	Durant Area	510-339-9290	
Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes			
\$343,500	2917 MacArthur Blvd	4+BD/3BA	
Open Sun 1-4	Condo	510-339-9290	
Prudential Calif. Realty			
\$375,000	365 Perkins St #2	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Adams Point	510-339-9290	
Prudential			
\$379,000	881 20th St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-5pm		510-339-9290	
Red Oak Realty			
\$389,000	7023 Arthur St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-5pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential			
\$409,000	7607 Sterling Ct	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
ZipRealty			
\$425,000	3223022 Hanover Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Lake Merritt Condo	510-339-9290	
Coldwell Banker			
\$439,000	3300 Bonita St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-5pm	Fruitvale	510-339-9290	
Coldwell Banker			
\$445,000	3224 Laureate	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-9290	
Wellis & Bennett Realtors			
\$449,000	887 52nd St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	North Oakland	510-339-9290	
Metclair Better Homes			
\$459,000	6800 Arthur St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-9290	
Coldwell Banker			
\$460,000	3041 Sutter St	3BD/2BA	
Sat 2-4 Sun 1-4	Lower Downtown	510-339-9290	
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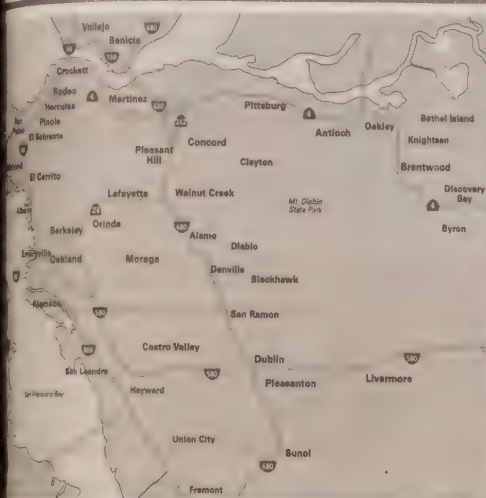
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	1562 Holman Rd Crocker Highlands Better Homes	2BD/1BA 510-339-4567 Rosie Nyasaether		\$725,000	4971 Coronado Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	3BD/2BA 510-668-1487 Barbara Reynolds	
	3632 Harbor View Ave. Upper Laurel Better Homes	3BD/3-4 510-339-4700 Nancy Maloney		\$735,000	79 Selirkir Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC	3BD/2BA 510-338-1336 Jack McPhail	
	1138 Excelsior Ave. San Francisco Hills Realty	3BD/1BA 510-504-0762 Richard Jacobs		\$739,000	5617 Ocean View Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	2+BD/1 510-339-4000 Susanne Paul	
	4751 Davenport Redwood Heights Pacific Union GMAC	2BD/2BA 510-338-1308 Dick Cohen		\$739,000	6939 Paso Robles Drive Sun 1-5 Pacific Union GMAC	3BD/2BA 510-206-2093 Diane Rell	

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\$750,000 Sun 2-4pm Prudential	492 Staten Ave #903 Lake Merritt	2BD/2BA	510-339-9290 Neldi Marchesotti
\$799,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	7352 Saroni Drive	3BD/2BA	510-339-0400 Steve Michaelides
\$775,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	6666 Sobrante Rd Montclair	4BD/2BA	510-339-4280 Mary Jane McConville
\$789,000 Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker	4844 Trinidad Woodminster	3BD/3BA	510-339-4700 Donna Connor
\$789,500 Sun 2-5 Pacific Union GMAC	4800 Geranium Oakland Hills	4BD/3BA	510-338-1364 Cindy Houts
\$799,000 Sun 1-4pm Red Oak Realty	5260 Lawton Ave	3BD/2BA	510-260-2162 Saraya Motley
\$799,950 Open 1-4 RE/MAX Allied Brokers	3301 Brunel Dr	4BD/2.5BA	925-233-2133 Rick
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\$849,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge Realty	388 Belmont Street Adams Point	5+BD/2+BA	510-655-2330 Jan Fugner
\$849,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC	4515-4519 Harbord Upper Rockridge Duplex	-BD/-4BA	510-338-1318 Dee Knowland
\$849,000 Open Sun 1-5 Lawton Associates	631 & 633 Alcatraz Avenue Duplex	8BD/5BA	510-547-5970 Keith Sjolhom
\$850,000 Sun 2-5 Pacific Union GMAC	25 Saddle Brook Ct Parkridge Estates	3BD/2BA	510-338-1334 Vicki Woodhead
\$855,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	6380 Wood Dr Montclair	2BD/2BA	510-339-4280 Mary Jane McConville
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\$879,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC	6055 Johnston Drive Montclair	3+BD/3BA	510-338-1325 Georgia Cornell
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\$899,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	274 38th St Piedmont Ave	4Plex	510-428-0900 Barbara McQuaid
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\$945,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	231 Cross Road Upper Rockridge	3BD/3BD	510-652-2133 Lori Lombardo
\$950,000 Sat & Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	1114 Arch St	4BD/2BA	510-547-1077 Warwick
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\$1,200,000 Sun 2-4pm Prudential	1100 Norwood Ave Trestle Glen/Glenview	Duplex	510-834-2010 Robert or Dolores
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Pacific Union GMAC		Dee Knowland	
\$1,574,900	5980 Girvin Dr.	3BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		925-372-3311	
Richards Realty		Bob Richards	
\$1,950,000	6343 Skyline	4BD/3.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker		Kathie Longinotti	
\$2,149,000	5952 Buena Vista	5+BD/4BA	
Sun 2-4		510-899-8000	
Alain Pinel Realtors		Kelly Deal	
\$2,295,000	95 Westminster Drive	4+BD/3+BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont Pines	510-339-0440	
The Grubb Co.		Mariana Lyona	
\$3,100,000	34 Stephens Way	3+BD/3.5BA	
Open Sun 5-8	Claremont Hills	510-339-8900	
C21 Heritage	H. Nicholas & J. Dworzak		
Oakley			
\$575,000	2312-14 Fruitvale Ave	1BD/1BA	
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Orinda			
\$749,000	77 Underhill Rd	2BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4pm		510-929-2024	
Red Oak Realty		Bob Huff	
\$1,325,000	11 Daisy Lane	4BD/3.5BA	
Open 1-4		925-254-0440	
Prudential California Realty		Margaret Zucker	
\$1,900,000	1 Camino Del Cielo	4BD/3.5BA	
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Prudential		Roberta Ousterman	
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\$849,000	132 Cambridge Way	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential		George Millirons	
\$949,000	117 Sunnyside Avenue	3+BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.		Katherine Cooper	
\$1,295,000	1400 Oakland Avenue	3+BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.		Mindy Scott	
\$1,395,000	172 Mountain Ave	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential		George Millirons	
\$1,395,000	7 Tyson Circle	5BD/4BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1312	
Pacific Union GMAC		Martha Holstian	
\$1,425,000	206 Mountain Ave.	3BD/2BA	
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Coldwell Banker		Carol Brown	
\$1,700,000	101 Regua Rd.	3BD/-BA	
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Coldwell Banker		Marilyn Garcia	
\$1,890,000	111 Estates	5BD/5+BA	
Sun 2-5pm	St. James Woods	510-428-0990	
The Grubb Co.		David & Claire	
\$1,995,000	190 Sandringham Road	4BD/4+BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.		Angela Wei/Grubb	
\$1,995,000	668 Blair Ave.	3 BD/3 BA	
Sun 2-4:30		415-218-6700	
PeopleBridge, Inc.		Carl A. Wescott	
\$2,150,000	561 Blair Avenue	4+BD. 3.5BA	
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The Grubb Co.		Mindy Scott	
\$2,995,000	50 Sotelo Avenue	5BD/4.5BA	
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The Grubb Co.		Sandra Vogl	
\$3,450,000	1 King Avenue	5BD/-BA	
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The Grubb Co.		Jean Simmons	
Pinole			
\$465,000	609 Primrose Terrace	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-222-8011	
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\$545,000	1300 Quarry Ct #204	2BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4pm		510-524-9888/35	
Berkeley Hills Realty		Denise Milburn	
Richmond			
\$340,000	350 S. 7th St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4pm	S. Richmond	510-386-4242	
Better Homes Macarthur		Alisa Garner	

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\$359,000	336 South St	3BD/1BA	
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Coldwell Banker Bartels		Brett Stratton	
\$369,000	2811 Andrade	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-5pm		510-662-8465	
Security Pacific		geristern.com	
\$369,000	701 Lassen St	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-524-3840	
Millstein & Associates		Sheri Madden	
\$369,950	3033 Andrade Ave	2BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4pm		510-662-8480	
Security Pacific		Michael J.	
\$399,950	533 28th St	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-5pm		510-235-1191	
Security Pacific		Marcella Morris	
\$410,000	951 35th St	2+BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4pm		510-280-2107	
Red Oak Realty		Marsha Quick	
\$420,000	4121 Wall Ave	4BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4pm		510-579-0104	
Red Oak Realty		Elizabeth McDonald	
\$439,000	376 Key Blvd.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker		Laura Arechiga	
\$469,000	108 Commodore Dr	2BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential		Michael Stephens	
\$469,000	960 Yuba St	3BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4pm	Richmond View	510-527-5741	
RE/MAX		Anne Foreman	
\$519,000	1793 Ralston Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4pm	Richmond View	510-527-0700-40	
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\$739,000	2768 Darius Way	3BD/2BA	
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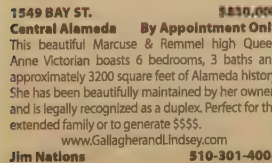
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"Owning a home and being part of a community has always been important to me," says Anne DeBardeleben. So when she decided it was time to change careers and do something she was passionate about, she knew exactly what she wanted to do, help people buy their first homes.

After twenty years working as a controller for a variety of different businesses including an advertising company and a public relations firm, Anne now uses her financial background and negotiating experience to help buyers. One of only a small percentage of REALTORS® (only 2% nationally) to earn the coveted ABR designation (Accredited Buyer Representative), Anne has completed an extensive training program on buyer agency practices and procedures, passed a written exam, and submitted evidence of experience working solely as a buyer's representative. Until recently, all REALTORS® were required, by law, to work for the seller to get the highest price and the best terms for the seller. But recent changes in local real estate regulations have allowed REALTORS® to focus solely on representing the best interests of

their buyers. Anne fully supports this change in the industry. "I want to support my buyers 100%," says Anne, "And the ABR program has really given me the tools and knowledge to do this. As a REALTOR®, I believe it's very important to listen to my clients, know what they want, and more importantly, what they don't want, and make sure they understand the process and are well informed about their obligations so they feel confident about the decisions they make. The most rewarding part of my job is when my clients say, 'This is exactly what we wanted!'"

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Anne DeBardeleben
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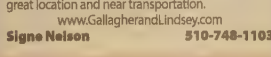
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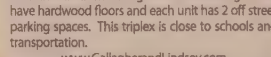
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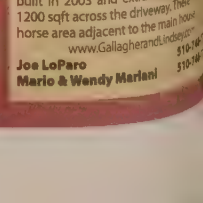


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SPORTS

• Friday, June 3, 2005 •

Section C

Rios-Sotelo cruises into CIF championships

■ St. Mary's senior wins the 1,600 at the NCS MOC with a personal best 4:53.55

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

St. Mary's High School's Gabriela Rios-Sotelo had been plotting this the whole time.

After finishing with the fifth-best qualifying time in the 1,600 meters on Friday, Rios-Sotelo rebounded Saturday with a personal record 4 minutes, 53.55 seconds to win the event at the North Coast Section's track and field Meet of Champions at Cal's Edwards Stadium.

"I guess I just wanted to pre-

PREP GIRLS ROUNDUP

pare myself for today's race, so I tried not to go out too hard," Rios-Sotelo said. "The whole plan was getting to the finals."

The top four finishers in each event advanced to the California Interscholastic Federation state championships today and Saturday at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento.

Rios-Sotelo's plan turned out better than expected. Not only did she best her personal record of 4:55.49 by 1.94 seconds, but she also shaved 12.58 seconds off her qualifying time.

And Rios-Sotelo did all of this

after falling as far back as fourth during the second lap.

"I knew I had to get back toward the front," Rios-Sotelo said. "After moving up, I felt pretty good and felt like I could win it."

The Cal-bound senior also won the 3,200 in 10:55.93, which was almost six seconds faster than College Park's Nicole Pennes (11:01.29). Pennes was also second in the 1,600.

St. Mary's Raminie Cromartie-Thornton finished third in the long jump (18 feet, 1½ inches). Her mark was only four inches short of the winning mark of James Logan's Deontee Kaye.

Rios-Sotelo's two first-place medals and Cromartie-Thornton's third-place finish helped St.

Mary's girls team finish fifth with 28 points.

James Logan won the 38-team meet with 117 points, 75 more than second-place Holy Names. The Colts also won the boys title with 71 points.

But Rios-Sotelo wasn't the only local athlete who broke a personal record.

Albany's Rebecca Molinari broke her personal record twice in the discus.

The junior threw 127-7 on her second throw to eclipse her personal record of 118-1.

Molinari did it again in the final round, throwing 130-10 on her last toss to finish third behind winner Alexarae Toeaina from Pittsburg (153-7).

"I am sort of in shock," Molinari said.

"I am so excited. I PR'd, I am going to state, what more could I ask for?"

On Friday, Berkeley's Jere Summers also advanced to the CIF state championships in the girls shot put.

Summers finished third with a toss of 40-8.

Deer Valley's Lisa Ma'ake won with a throw of 41-10¼.

"Throwing 40-8 at this meet, I obviously am not too happy," said Summers, who entered the meet with the region's top throw at 44-0. "I think I over-threw in warmups. I get nervous at the this meet every year."



BERKELEY HIGH'S Mike Hammett, center, helped his 400 relay team to a second-place finish in the NCS Meet of Champions.

DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

Howard dominates NCS competition

■ El Cerrito shot putter qualifies for the CIF meet with a first-place mark of 57-7¼

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High School's Erik Howard improved his personal record in the shot put with a toss of 57 feet, 7¼ inches to win the event Saturday at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions.

Howard improved on three of his first four throws, going 53-7¼, 53-5¼, 54-1¼ and then 57-7¼.

"I was shooting for 60 and I guess the heat drained my body," Howard said. "Even when I threw 57, my technique wasn't perfect. If I had gotten it up a little higher, I could have gotten 60."

Berkeley's 400-meter relay team survived a fall from Antoine Cokes, who fell handing off the baton to Kellan Patterson on the first leg, to finish second (42.78 seconds) behind Sir Francis Drake (42.55).

James Logan won the meet with 71 points.

California's David Klech and Sir Francis Drake-San Anselmo's Alex Pearlstone both won three individual events at the NCS Meet of Champions — the first time since 1983 that this has been achieved by a male.

BASEBALL
Encinal 3, El Cerrito 2: Con-

PREP BOYS ROUNDUP

sidering how the seventh inning was going, it was nearly impossible to predict how it would end.

After two consecutive ground balls resulted in errors, the Gauchos' Marquis Evans hit a hard chopper to shortstop with the bases loaded, one out and El Cerrito (19-6) trailing Encinal by a run.

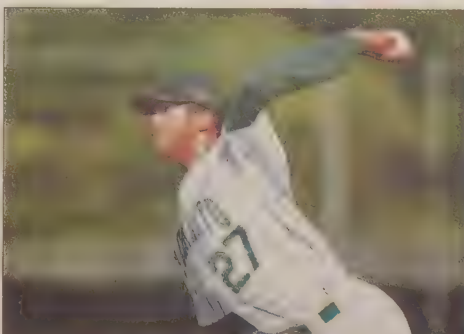
It appeared that at least a tie game was imminent.

However, the Jets (15-11) turned a 6-4-3 double play to end the game in the North Coast Section 2A East Bay quarterfinals Friday at Contra Costa College.

Zack Boyd, who came on in relief of winning pitcher Brandon Beal with one out in the sixth inning, definitely had to work for the save. He forced David Lock to hit into a double play on just his second pitch to end the sixth inning. However, the last inning was an adventure.

After striking out Miguel Sanchez, Boyd hit Doug Murray and allowed an infield single to Darryl Mishima. David Ball reached base on an error that loaded the bases. Darnell Quinney then hit a grounder that resulted in an error that scored Murray from second and kept the bases jammed.

Evans hit a two-strike grounder deep in the hole at shortstop that Beal fielded, threw to Luis Jimenez at second for the force out, and Jimenez fired to



EL CERRITO'S Mario Hollands and the Gauchos fell short against Encinal, 3-2 in the NCS quarterfinals.

SHERRY LAVARIS/STAFF

Phillip Taddei at first to complete the double play that put Encinal in the semifinals.

The Gauchos had only two hits in the game but were helped by six walks and two hit batsmen.

"The bottom line is, we had so many opportunities, but we didn't cash in," El Cerrito coach Brian Nichols said.

Bishop O'Dowd 3, Berkeley 2: Two solo home runs by Yellow Jackets pitcher Mike Durant were not enough, as the host Dragons scored the winning run in a most unusual way in the bottom of the sixth inning of this 3A East Bay quarterfinal on Saturday.

No. 1 seed Bishop O'Dowd (25-0) had two out with Nikko

Wahl on second base and Carlos Perez at bat. With Wahl breaking for third, Perez struck out on a Durant pitch that bounced to catcher Derek Wolf. In the confusion that followed, Wolf threw wildly to third base, allowing Wahl to race home with the winning run.

Cal-bound Tyson Ross then retired the Yellow Jackets in order in the top of the seventh.

Bishop O'Dowd took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on Ross' towering home run to center field.

Berkeley (17-8-1) answered in the top of the second when Durant hit a home run off O'Dowd starter Rashad Tucker. Both Dur-

ant and Tucker have committed

to play baseball at Fresno State.

Perez's seeing-eye single through the left side of the infield scored Kevin Ruma to give the Dragons a 2-1 lead in the fourth. Durant tied it with a one-out monster blast to left field off Ross in the sixth.

Alameda 3, Albany 2: Jon Wilson hit a bases-loaded RBI single to center field in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the No. 7 Hornets (16-9) past the No. 10 Cougars (14-8-1) in the first round of the NCS 2A East Bay playoffs at College of Alameda on May 25.

"It was a great game," Albany coach Jim Giblin said. "Everyone had opportunities, but they took advantage of one before we did."

Albany had six hits in the game but left five runners on in scoring position.

After tying the score at 2-2 in the fourth inning on passed ball, the Cougars threatened in the fifth by loading the bases on a walk, single and hit batsmen.

But Wilson — who came on in relief to start the inning — pitched his way of the jam, striking out three Cougars.

Albany pitcher Jason Bennett tossed a seven-hitter, giving up two earned runs with five strikeouts. Kyle Page went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored to lead the Cougars.

Staff writers Dave Carpenter and Mike McGreehan contributed to this roundup.

DECK

Track and field

California Interscholastic Federation state track and field championships, today and Saturday at Sacramento City College's J. Ross Brown Stadium — A few elite local athletes have qualified for the state championships. North Coast Section boys shot put champion Erik Howard of El Cerrito will compete, and Berkeley's boys 400-meter relay team. Four female individuals will compete: St. Mary's Gabriela Rios-Sotelo (the champion in the 1,600 and 3,200), Albany's Nicole Pennes in the discus, Berkeley's Jere Summers in the shot put and St. Mary's Raminie Cromartie-Thornton in the long jump.

What's happening

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Summers, Berkeley girls — Summers finished third in the shot put (40-8) and qualified for the CIF state championships.

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Boys' R Us — Youth basketball 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 20-24 at El Cerrito High School, 4300 Cutting Road, Richmond. Open to ages 6-16. Fee provided. Hosted by the El Cerrito Athletic League.

Boys' and White basketball — Three middle school sessions 4-4 p.m. June 20-24, \$125; 4-4 p.m. July 5-8, \$165; 1-5 p.m. July 10-13, \$105. High school guard and forward development session 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 28-30, \$150. Held at El Cerrito High School. Open to boys 14-18. Fee includes T-shirt and player evaluation. Register at El Cerrito Athletic League, 510-420-3074 or Chris Lavrotis, 510-433-2600.

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FOOTBALL

Alameda Steelers — Football and basketball signups 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 10-11 at Richmond PAL at 4000 MacDonald Avenue. \$40 per player fee. Michelle Butler, 510-683-6863. Visit www.leagueofalameda.com/richmondsteelers.

Albany Bobcats — Youth football signups 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 4 and 5 at Dougout, 863 San Pablo at the corner of Solano Ave., Albany. Ages 6-14. Cheerleader signups also forming. Visit www.albanybobcats.com. 510-528-7055.

Berkeley Cougars — Football and basketball signups for ages 6-14. 1-2 p.m. Saturdays through July at San Pablo Park, 2600 Park St., Berkeley. Includes football conditioning, basketball fee, Michelle, 510-510-549-0249. Visit www.berkeleycougars.com/berkeley-cougars.

TOURNAMENTS

Albany H.S. Tennis tournament — Albany Athletic Fund and Berkeley Tennis Club will host a tennis tournament fundraiser 4:30-8 p.m. at Berkeley Tennis Club, 1000 Golden Gate Blvd. Games, food, raffle, barbecue at 7 p.m. Admission \$5. Children 12 and under \$2.50. 40 player limit; 1000 July 1. Proceeds benefit Albany Athletic Fund. Visit www.berkeleyathleticfund.org/te.

SOCCER

Alameda United soccer signups — Registration for boys and girls.

Flemer's pitching leads El Cerrito

STAFF REPORT

Kevin Flemer pitched four strong innings of the championship game of the Fremont National Youth Baseball Memorial Day Tournament, leading the El Cerrito Red to a 12-9 victory over the Livermore Giants. Evan Giddings closed out the game by pitching the final two innings. Both teams came into the final game with perfect 5-0 records in the tournament.

Earlier in the day in the semifinals, Nathan Miller, Ben Clegg and Giddings combined to pitch the El Cerrito Red to a come-from-behind 11-9 victory against the host Fremont Blue team. Giddings notched the win by pitching a scoreless fifth inning and a perfect sixth inning, and the El Cerrito Red scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead.

During the preliminary round of the tournament, Flemer, Giddings, Miller, Clegg, Walter Tucker and Luke Di Giovanni pitched the El Cerrito Red to victories over the Fremont Red 14-5, Woodside/Atherton/Menlo Park/Portola Valley 10-0, Fremont White 18-6 and Fremont Blue 9-4. The Livermore Giants entered

YOUTH BASEBALL

the finals as the No. 1 seed, allowing no more than three runs in a game. However the El Cerrito Red, led by leadoff hitter Dylan Martin, scored five runs in the top of the first inning of the championship game.

Giddings, Clegg, Miller, Flemer, and Tucker McPhaul all had RBI in that opening inning. The El Cerrito Red went on to extend their lead to 12-2 and then held off two late rallies by the Giants.

Other stars for the El Cerrito Red included Nick Shebek, who led the team with a slugging percentage over 1.000 for the tournament, and Walter Tucker, who sped around the bases to turn a walk into a virtual home run when leading off the third inning of the semifinal game, sparking a six-run inning. Also of note, Martin had an .888 on-base average and scored the go-ahead run in five of the six games. Valuable RBI, runs, and timely hits were also provided by Chandler Florez, Cooper Glass, and Ondrej Sebek. McPhaul, Florez, Glass and Sebek also provided amaz-

ing outfield defense, particularly in the championship game against the hard-hitting Giants.

The El Cerrito Red players now divide back into their respective league teams as they enter the El Cerrito Youth Baseball Mustang division playoffs.

El Cerrito Navy 8U

With superlative defense, the El Cerrito Navy 8U team won the championship in the Fremont National Youth Baseball Memorial Day Tournament.

The El Cerrito Navy squad started pool play with a 10-8 win over Fremont Blue, then defeated Fremont White 9-3 before losing 19-15 to San Bruno. In a semifinal matchup, the El Cerrito Navy squad defeated the El Cerrito Royals 5-3.

In the championship game, El Cerrito scored two runs in the bottom of the last inning to tie the game 8-8 with two outs. The rally was kept alive by a single from Harbour Harrison. With two runners on base, cleanup hitter Sebastian Trieste-Escobar slammed the first pitch into the right-center field gap for a walk-off RBI.

FINAL HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Freedom	24-4	Overcomes early deficit to beat Foothill and win fourth straight 3A East Bay championship
2.	Alameda	23-3	Hornets top rival Pinole Valley 3-0 to win 2A East Bay championship
3.	Foothill	21-6	Falcons lay ground work for what should be promising 2006 season
4.	Monte Vista	21-4	Mustangs win EBAL title but lose to league rival Foothill in 3A East Bay
5.	Livermore	19-7	Cowboys now searching for new coach, catcher, shortstop, second baseman
6.	Carondelet	18-6	Cougars remain only Bay Area team to beat Freedom in semifinals
7.	James Logan	17-9	Colts upset Newark Memorial, Cal before losing to Freedom in semifinals
8.	San Ramon Valley	18-8	P Dominique Ortega impressive during freshman campaign
9.	Pinole Valley	18-8	Spartans will return eight of nine starters for next season
10.	Alhambra	21-5	Bulldogs win DFAL title, lose in 2A East Bay semifinals to Pinole Valley

Others receiving votes: Concord (18-5), Borean Christian (19-7), San Leandro (19-5). The prep softball incorporates all East Bay high schools and is voted on by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers.

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- **Northgate High School** - Needs varsity/junior varsity water polo coaches for the girls and boys teams. Walnut Creek. For girls, Eric Weber, eweberluis@hotmail.com; for boys, Jim McClelland, jmcclelland@mdm-architects.com; Chris Seely.
- **Pinole Valley High School** - Needs a girls varsity volleyball head coach. Fax resume and application to 510-758-6054. Athletic Director, Jeff Wright, 510-758-4684.
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BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "The People's Temple," through June 5. The world premiere of this theatrical exploration of the beginning, rise and tragic fall of the Jonestown movement led by the Rev. Jim Jones. At the Roca Theatre. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; June 3 and June 4, 8 p.m.; June 5, 2 p.m. \$10 to \$55.

"Honour" by Joanna Murray-Smith, through July 3. Story of couple tested by infidelity. On Thrust Stage. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday (except opening), 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; No matinees June 4, 9, 18 or 23. No performance July 1. \$20 to \$55.

2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BR-Tix or www.berkeleyrep.org.

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATER — "Othello," June 4 through July 3. A performance of Shakespeare's tragic romance. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.; student matinees June 7, 9 and June 14, 11:30 a.m.; Saturday matinee June 25, 2 p.m.

\$30 to \$55 general; \$25 to \$65 seniors; \$10 to \$55 youth ages 4 to 16. Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, 100 Gateway Blvd., Orinda. 510-548-9666 or www.calshakes.org.

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "Private Lives," June 3 through June 12. A performance of Noel Coward's intimate comedy. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132 or www.cccot.org.

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — "Cherry Docs," June 9 through June 12. Traveling Jewish Theatre presents the story of a hate-crime trial involving a white supremacist and an ambitious Jewish lawyer. Thursday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$23 to \$34. 925-798-1300.

2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-6542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

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6 Not utopian

15 Obscure

19 "So long!"

20 Dickens orphan

21 "I'm working"

22 Derived great pleasure from chabising?

24 Dream of Debussy

25 E-mail address component

26 Drink name suffix

27 More mad

28 Asks the Crocodile Hunter a series of questions?

37 Just so, after "to"

38 Itinerary stopover

39 Knock off

40 Broadway luminaries?

41 Dances hurried up?

48 Unpaid debt

49 Winning

50 Irritation

53 Big init. in overseas broadcasting

55 No nemesis

56 It might be found in a stall

59 Blockbuster, e.g., starts charging too much?

66 Massenet opera

67 Course goal

68 Rocky Mountain state: Abbr.

69 TV host Van Santen

70 Weighing down Top 40 artists?

76 1983 Lionel Richie hit

77 They may clear the deck

78 Bing Crosby's "So"

79 Some hangings

80 Less than outstanding

84 Family men

89 Gets closer to a batch of hooch?

94 Right

97 1990's Ontario premier Bob

98 "Fire" precursor

99 In ranks

100 Daisy L.A. chick in intensive care?

107 Mexican muralist

108 Hamburger's one

109 Originally

110 Not sticking out

111 Putting poets with cuspword words?

121 "And...bed"

122 Project without the band, perhaps

123 Some fancy hotel features

124 Schedule space

125 Lung problem

126 A layoff, unpolitely

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1 Noisy bird

2 Lit class reading

3 Bubkes

4 Aquatic shocker

5 Jacket material

6 Plum part

7 MapQuest request: Abbr.

8 Attorney or heir follower

9 Sword lilies, for short

10 Parcels

11 Startling cryptogram guess, perhaps

12 Bill's title buddy of film

13 With 93-Down, star-crossed

14 Glasgow's river

15 On the house

16 Painful combo

17 Yield

18 Rudderposts' places

19 Exhaust, perhaps

20 Suggestions

21 Nickelodeon cartoon explorer

22 Mai

23 Pals (e.g., price at Cunnies)

28 Is not on the street?

29 Anatomical canal

30 Come up to

31 Department head

32 Polit. designation

33 Starfield Academy grad.

34 Level

35 Returning waves, of sorts

36 Saltimbocca ingredient

37 Fitness-advocating org.

42 New (certain Nummeger)

43 Suffix with smack

44 Anchor

45 Novelist McCaffrey

46 Woodworker's groove

47 Coaster with runners

50 Step case

51 Cords and barrels, e.g.

52 It's not the final release

54 Ancient emblems of royalty

55 Delivered

57 Beans

58 "King David" star, 1985

59 Exhaust, perhaps

60 Suggestions

61 Nickelodeon cartoon explorer

62 Mai

63 Somebodies

64 Inc. workers

65 Many a bust

66 Spanish tennis star Carlos

71 Clothes line

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73 Kind of stick

74 Receptive

75 Thing, e.g.

81 More than a bit

82 Momies of movies

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3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

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The Kissers, June 4, \$5.

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Pocket, 7th Direction, June 10, \$5.

"Louise Taft Memorial Dance Concert," June 11. Performances by Farma, The Natives and Fun with Finnroula. \$6.

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YOSHIS' — Paquito D'Rivera's Turtle Island String Quartet through June 5. \$15 to \$24.

Eldar, June 6. \$10 to \$14.

Ledisi with the Marcus Shelby Orchestra, June 7 through June 12. \$15 to \$22 general; \$5 children. \$24.

Yellowjackets, June 10 through June 11. \$15 to \$22 general; \$5 children. \$24.

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California, Bancroft Way at 10th St., Berkeley 510-642-2345 or www.berkeley.edu

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH — Cantabile Choral Ensemble, June 5, 7:30 p.m. \$10 to \$15. \$20 donors; \$10 students. \$20 to \$30. www.cantabile.org. 2345 10th St., Berkeley.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF BERKELEY — "Charitable: A Measure of Joy," world premiere music theater by 12th-century abbess and Hildegard von Bingen, Sunday, June 6, 8 p.m. \$25 to \$42. (415) 841-1111 or www.charitable.org. 2300 10th St., Berkeley.

CHAMBER CONCERTS — The Kronos Quartet, June 4, 8 p.m. \$20 to \$30. "Color 5 (Color to the Power of Five)," works by composers exploring color as a concept. \$12 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students and children. 510-549-2345 or www.kronoschamberconcerts.com.

GALLERY — "Homecoming," close-up retrospective exhibit of the work of the late Japanese artist Shigeo Fukuda and Bob Stocksdale, June 3. An exhibit of ceramic works by local artists.

June 3 through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 14th St., Berkeley. 510-843-2527 or www.galaxy.com.

ART CENTER — "Somebody's Home," a juried exhibit of 30 figurative art. Reception, June 3, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

June 3 through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 1701 18th St., Alameda. 510-748-7888 or www.artcenter.org.

ELIANE BROWN GALLERY AT BERKELEY — "Our Collective Voice: Ordinary Work of Women in California," June 3. An exhibit celebrating the contributions of the women of the past two centuries, with photographs, letters, manuscripts, paintings and more.

June 3 through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. 1st Floor, UC Berkeley campus. www.berkeley.edu.

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KALA ART INSTITUTE — "The Real World," through July 16. An exhibit of works by various artists that recreate aspects of the world in which we live.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2977 or www.kala.org.

OAKLAND ART GALLERY — "Bay Area Currents 2005," through June 30. An annual juried exhibit of works by emerging Oakland and Bay Area artists. Media include sculpture, works on paper, paintings and installation. Artists' talk on June 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Free. Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. 199 Kahn's Alley, Oakland. 510-637-0395 or www.oaklandartgallery.org.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA OFF-SITE EXHIBITION — "The Human Race at Work," June 17 through July 10. An exhibit of photographs by Jesse Kalsher, featuring 11 photos from eight countries portraying people commuting to work or in the midst of their workdays.

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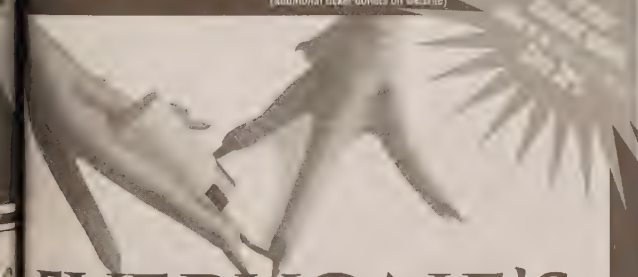
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Howard's 'Cinderella' doesn't shy from the dark

Depression-era
brought to the
with plenty of punch
activity, too

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end of Ron Howard's
boxing movie "Cin-
Man." I got up and
behind me for my down
when I realized, it being
had no underwear. The
equality of the film had
the into thinking it
the holiday season, the
Oscar contenders.

programming like
for sissies. Steven Spiel-
early sends his movies
the world in early sum-
most directors shy away
Time That Oscar Vot-
Ron Howard must be
adder.

certainly getting better.
winner "A Beautiful
2002) was not nearly as
the film snobs would
believe, but it lacked
Howard seemed
for the inspirational
of John Nash's life, not
reality. He has long
successful entertainer, but
and on the surface emo-
"Cinderella Man" fol-
same pattern, but it's
of the dark places and
more involving, holding
thrill until the last
moments.

ella" is based on the
boxer Jim Braddock
Crowe), but fortunately
sissies, his story is not
enough to interfere
movie's suspense. The
athlete rose to fame
the stock market crash of
his good fortunes sink
Great Depression, and
an unlikely second

gives us a glimpse
life (big house, well-
age, \$900 purses in his
the end of the night)
delivers us right into
ward spiral. Jim, his
(Renee Zellweger),
three children are liv-
Newark tenement; their
all overdue and the
has stopped delivering
his Ashes" without the



RUSSELL CROWE as Jim Braddock, a real-life boxer who got a second chance, fights Art Binkowski as Cornel Griffin in "Cinderella Man."

alcoholism.

Jim is lucky to get a single shift down at the docks, let alone another chance at a lucrative purse. He has lost so many fights that even his longtime trainer Joe Gould (the always excellent Paul Giamatti) doesn't believe in him anymore.

Some of the Depression-era scenes sound potentially maudlin—the oldest Braddock child steals a salami to feed the family and has to take it back—but they are handled with a quiet humility that keeps them consistently affecting. Crowe has a crushing scene where he literally holds out his hat and begs for his family's sake.

These scenes reverberate throughout, so that when we see Mae, treated to a steak dinner later in the movie, pocket her leftovers, it makes perfect sense. In those days, you never knew

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Cinderella Man"

■ **STARRING:** Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger, Paul Giamatti

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (intense boxing violence, some language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 22 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** A-

■ **ONLINE:** See the movie's trailer at ContraCostaTimes.com

when, or if, you might have steak again. (The role of Mae hardly required Zellweger's talents; she's all sugar and no spice, the mother you just itch to disobey.)

What Howard and screenwriter Cliff Hollingsworth have

achieved here, more subtly than, say, "Seabiscuit," is to capture the way the Depression changed people. Some reporters ask Braddock why his style of fighting is different, and he tells them he knows what he's fighting for now.

The big problem I always have with boxing movies is that people keep hitting each other. Obviously, for most, this is actually a selling point. My tendency is to recoil every time someone gets smacked particularly hard. The fights in "Cinderella Man" had me rocking back and forth in my seat. My hunch is that people who actually know boxing would say that Howard broke no new ground. But I was engaged despite my absolute lack of interest in the sport, and that says something for the power of the way he's staged the fights.

More likely, though, the movie is a tribute to the character Russell Crowe has brought to life. Fit and looking younger and more handsome than he usually does, Crowe could have walked right out of 1930. An actor of great range, he's never failed to be anything but completely believable, whether as the doughy second lead in "The Insider" or the brawny "Gladiator."

But there's always been something just a little chilly, a little distant about him. "Cinderella Man" is the first movie where he seems truly capable of tenderness. If my down parka weren't stashed in the back of the closet, I'd tell you he's a shoo-in for another Oscar.

Reach Mary F. Pols at mpols@cctimes.com, or 925-945-4741.

CLASSES AND CLASSES

Broadway — Les Miser-

able, San Francisco Ballet, 1015 S.F. Looking for adult roles, uni-

versity and various character roles, all must be 18 to mid-30s. Bring a current resume (stapled to a recent photo). No pro- fessional experience necessary. Bring a recent photo. Bring a resume listing any acting experience or training. All parties must register in the Dollar Book, first floor, during the rehearsal. 9:15-10 a.m. for adults, 9:30-10 p.m. for children. \$200.

Children's Chorus — Reviews are now being taken for the 2005-06 chorus and girls ages 7-15. Pro- fessional singing of varied rep- erioles and languages, sight- reading and performing. \$200. \$200.

Costa Christian Theatre — "The Gables," 4-8 p.m., June 10 p.m. June 7, with call-

backs 7-9 p.m. June 9. Need youths, ages 13-20; males and females, ages 20-70; and one child, 7-10. Prepare a one-minute contemporary monologue. Read from the script. Appointments: 925-939-3200, Ext. 2, www.CCChristianTheatre.org.

■ **Contra Costa Musical Theatre** — "The Full Monty," June 4 and 5, with callbacks June 12. Seeking African-American male, age 40-50. Great mover/dancer. Vocal range: low F to high G. See Web site for character breakdown and information. Prepare contemporary Broadway or pop song in style of show. Bring sheet music in key, accompaniment provided (no tapes). Prepare to dance. Stipend. AEA guest artist available. Must be comfortable with full and partial nudity. Rehearsals begin Aug. 14. Performances Oct. 7-Nov. 5 at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts. By appointment only. 925-210-0268.

■ **Contra Costa Youth Orchestra** — Seeking musicians, junior and senior high school students, for the 2005-06 season. Rehearsals are once a week for two hours. Details: Greg Mazmanian, director, 925-254-5823, www.contracostayouthorchestra.org.

■ **Danville Girls Chorus** — 2005-06 season, June 15. Girls grades 3-8.

Singing, performing and learning how to read and appreciate music of all types. No musical experience required. 925-837-2624.

■ **San Francisco Lyric Chorus** — Seeking singers for the summer 2005 season to perform Johannes Brahms' "German Requiem" in August. Rehearsals: 7:15-9:45 Mondays, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush and Gough streets, S.F. Appointments: Robert Gurney, music director, 415-775-5111, www.sfc.org.

■ **Willows Theatre Company** — "Oliver!" 4-5:30 p.m. and AEA only, 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 18; 1-3 p.m. all, June 19; 1-3 p.m. callbacks, June 26. Prepare 16-32 bars of a song in your key, with sheet music (accompaniment provided) and a short 1- to 2-minute monologue. Appointment: 925-798-1824, Ext. 11.

■ **Young Artists Symphony Orchestra** — 2005-06 season. Seeking musicians, especially strings and double-reed players, ages 13-20. Rehearsals 4-7 p.m. Mondays. Four performances a year. Donna, 925-934-7504 or www.yaso.info.

Classes/workshops

■ **California Shakespeare Theater** — Now accepting registrations for students 8-18 for 2005 Summer Theater

Camp. Acceptance based on interview. 510-548-3422, Ext. 127.

■ **Diablo Light Opera** — Actors Intensive Summer Youth Workshop, June 20-July 14. Ages 6-12, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$325; ages 13-17, 7-10 p.m., \$375. Includes professional headshot. Discount for early registration. Classes include: Musical Theater, "On Camera" work with a professional casting director, Stage Combat and Improv Skills. 1948 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill, Call Anita, 925-944-1565 or www.dloc.org.

■ **Jean Shelton Actors Lab** — Summer classes start June 6. Scene study and acting technique, movement, script analysis, film courses; Shakespeare and private coaching. Audit 7 p.m. any Monday-Wednesday, 533 Sutter St., S.F. 415-413-1226 or www.jeanshelton.com.

■ **Pepa Montes and Ricardo Mino** — Flamenco dance and music workshops, 12:30-3:30 p.m., and 4:30-7:30 p.m. June 4 and 5. Jon Sims Center for the Arts, 1519 Mission St., S.F. \$21-\$33 per class. 925-939-7850.

■ **SOLAD Dance Center** — Ballet Intensive Summer Program, July 11-29; Contemporary Intensive Summer Program, Aug. 1-19. Dancers 10-14. SOLAD Dance Center, 2260 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek. \$600 per ses-

sion, \$1,000 for both. 925-938-3390.

■ **Theatre Arts for Kids** — Broadway Musical Revue, July 5-16. Two sessions, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Each session features different material so both morning and afternoon can be attended; Broadway Musical, "Wizard of Oz," 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 18-Aug. 5. Contra Costa Children's Chorus, 925-945-7101, Ext. 203, or www.childrenschorus.org.

■ **Town Hall** — Six three-week sessions, Town Hall Kids' Musical Theater workshops, June 20-July 8, July 11-29 and Aug. 1-19. Ages 7-14, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. \$385. Michelle Schrey, 925-906-9434 or www.townhalltheatre.com.

■ **Willows Theatre Company** — Ages 5-19, July 5-Aug. 15; SummerStage Theater Day Camps with the Willows Theatre Company. Classes in acting, movement, dance, musical theater plus rehearsals for fully staged production at end of camp. Ages 12-19, July 5-Aug. 14, \$800; ages 8-11, July 5-30, \$650; ages 5-7, June 27-July 1 or Aug. 15-19, \$125. 925-798-1824, Ext. 11.

about at this stage of my life is that the ideas I have haven't diminished, and that I'm even more excited about music and the work I'm doing. I guess my goal is to try to hang onto that, wherever it takes me."

The Berkeley Edge Festival opens 8 p.m. today at Hertz Hall with "The Music of John Zorn and Terry Riley." The three-day festival continues with two programs of music by Zorn, 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

The final program, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, features music by Jorge Linderman, Fernando Benadon, Reynold Tharp, Keeril Makan and Adirana Verde, with David Milnes conducting the Berkeley Contemporary Chamber Players and an appearance by the Masada String

Trio. All concerts are at Hertz Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. Tickets are \$26-\$32. For tickets or more information, contact 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

Reach Georgia Rowe at growe@pacbell.net.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

Compiled from sales at 45 independent bookstores in Northern California.

Fiction

1. "Zorro," by Isabel Allende. (Harper-Collins, \$25.95.)
2. "The Closers," by Michael Connelly. (Little Brown, \$26.95.)
3. "The Mermaid Chair," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Viking, \$24.95.)
4. "In the Company of Cheerful Ladies," by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$19.95.)
5. "Gilead," by Marilynne Robinson. (FSG, \$23.)
6. "Saturday," by Ian McEwan. (Nan A. Talese, \$26.)
7. "Never Let Me Go," by Kazuo Ishiguro. (Knopf, \$24.)
8. "Haunted," by Chuck Palahniuk. (Doubleday, \$24.95.)
9. "The History of Love," by Nicole Krauss. (Norton, \$17.)
10. "Bangkok Tattoo," by John Burdett. (Knopf, \$24.)

Nonfiction

1. "On Bull—," by Harry G. Frankfurt. (Princeton, \$9.95.)
2. "French Women Don't Get Fat," by Mireille Guiliano. (Knopf, \$22.)
3. "Freakonomics," by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. (William Morrow, \$25.95.)
4. "The World Is Flat," by Thomas L. Friedman. (FSG, \$27.50.)
5. "Oh, the Glory of It All," by Sean Wilentz. (Penguin Press, \$25.95.)
6. "Blink," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.)
7. "You: The Owner's Manual," by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet Oz. (HarperResource, \$24.95.)
8. "Plan B," by Anne Lamott. (Riverhead, \$24.95.)
9. "My Life So Far," by Jane Fonda. (Random House, \$26.95.)
10. "Assassination Vacation," by Sarah Vowell. (S&S, \$21.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)
2. "The Jane Austen Book Club," by Karen Joy Fowler. (Plume, \$14.)
3. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," by Mark Haddon. (Vintage, \$12.)
4. "The Shadow of the Wind," by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. (Penguin, \$15.)
5. "The Confessions of Max Tivoli," by Andrew Sean Greer. (Picador, \$14.)
6. "The Secret Life of Bees," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, \$14.95.)
7. "Middlesex," by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Picador, \$15.)
8. "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger. (Harvest, \$14.)
9. "The Master," by Colm Toibin. (Scribner, \$14.)
10. "War Trash," by Ha Jin. (Vintage, \$14.95.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. "What's the Matter With Kansas?" by Thomas Frank. (Owl, \$14.)
2. "The Tipping Point," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
3. "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill," by Mark Bittner. (Three Rivers, \$12.95.)
4. "Don't Think of an Elephant," by George Lakoff. (Chelsea Green, \$10.)
5. "Bad Cat," by Jim Edgar. (Workman, \$9.95.)
6. "Reading Lolita in Tehran," by Azar Nafisi. (Random House, \$13.95.)
7. "Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World," by Jack Weatherford. (Three Rivers, \$14.95.)
8. "The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson. (Vintage, \$14.95.)
9. "San Francisco Bay Area Restaurants," by the editors of Zagat Survey. (Zagat Survey, \$12.95.)
10. "The Hidden Messages in Water," by Masaru Emoto. (Beyond Words, \$16.95.)

Mass market paperback

1. "Angels & Demons," by Dan Brown. (Pocket, \$7.99.)
2. "R is for Ricochet," by Sue Grafton. (Berkley, \$7.99.)
3. "Doctored Evidence," by Donna Leon. (Penguin, \$7.99.)
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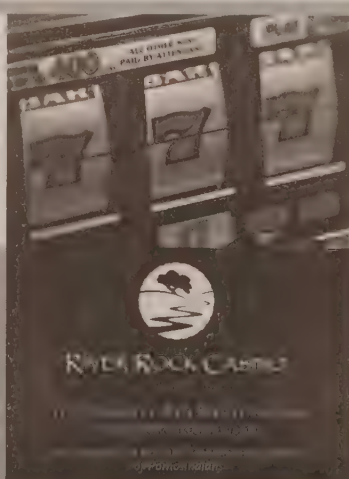
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'Sea' relevant to today's politics

THE SEA INSIDE

My wife loved this Spanish tear-jerker and Best Foreign Language Oscar winner about a quadriplegic battling the courts and Catholic Church for the right to end his own life. And, as always, my wife is absolutely right. Javier Bardem is spectacular in his quiet portrayal of Ramon Sampedro — the real-life Spaniard who broke his neck in a diving accident as a young man and spent 30 years confined to his bed before deciding that he wanted to die. The film is even more poignant today, given that the issue of assisted suicide is being hotly debated in the California Legislature and federal courts. The film's frank look at death will be unnerving for most kids, but mature teens and everyone else will be profoundly moved after seeing it. (PG-13: language). Spanish with English subtitles. 2 hours and 5 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3½ stars

Kids: 1 star

Teens: 2½ stars

Adults: 3½ stars

Seniors: 3½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes —
Rent it tonight, thank me later.

KINSEY

Liam Neeson was perfectly cast in the role of Alfred Kinsey, the dorky university professor who dragged sex out of the closet and dumped it with a science-tinted thud on the coffee tables of America during the repressed years that followed World War II. Neeson and co-star Laura Linney are marvelous and make the compelling script come to life. While Rock 'n' Roll, drugs and the women's lib movement have all gotten their share of credit for the sexual revolution that began in the 1960s, "Kinsey" makes a strong case that the real catalyst was a quirky Indiana scientist and his stoic wife. (R: sex). 1 hour and 58 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 1 star

Teens: 2½ stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 3½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes —
Fascinating look at America's sexual pied piper.

THE AVIATOR

Martin Scorsese's epic film about billionaire industrialist germ freak Howard Hughes brought home five Academy Awards, a bevy of positive reviews, and made more than \$100 million when it played in theaters. So you might think that it would make a terrific DVD rental — but sadly, it doesn't. The sweeping grandeur, big budget and breathtaking special effects that propelled "The Aviator" on the big screen simply don't translate well on a 27-inch television set. Don't get me wrong, this isn't a bad movie and I enjoyed parts of it, but lower your expectations before renting. Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett, normally superb actors, disappoint here, and can't manage to lift their performances out of one-dimensional caricatures. Despite this, the story of Howard Hughes and his manic brilliance that transformed the aviation industry is compelling, and makes this worth watching. (PG-13: nudity, language). 2 hours and 46 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: 1 star

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 2½ stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes —
Absorbing history of often misunderstood 20th century icon.

J.B. Alderman lives in Berkeley and can be reached via www.PhDVD.com.

Actors show great range in 'Honour'

■ Directing and dialogue keep deep play about infidelity tight and terse

By Pat Craig
STAFF WRITER

WHEN YOU PLAY with fire — the kind sparked either by flame or passion — everyone is bound to get burned.

That's the basic truth told by Joanna Murray-Smith in her brilliant tragi-comic play, "Honour," which opened May 25 at Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

At first blush, Murray-Smith appears to be trekking through the familiar forest of fidelity and infidelity in her 1995 script. But what she delivers is a much deeper story that sifts through the increasing wreckage of Honor and George's 32-year marriage. It would be tempting to call the examination an autopsy of a relationship, but the parties involved remain alive, so they have to deal with the devastation.

George (John Doman) is gently pushing retirement age, but is still in top form as a journalist and commentator. His wife, Honor (Kathleen Chalfant), is justifiably proud of her husband's accomplishments. Early in the marriage, she had been a promising young poet, but more or less abandoned her career to support her husband and, eventually, their child.

As the play opens, George is being interviewed by a young reporter, Claudia (Christa Scott-Reed), who has been hired to do a book on the most influential journalists in America. She is bright, quick and, as she will point out later, has the look that makes men want to have a not-altogether-wholesome relationship with her.

When she leaves, Honor and George are alone in their home, exchanging clever chat and on-going commentary on their lives and society. They seem to be the perfect long-term couple. They live in a lovely house, have a daughter in college and have, for George at least, all the professional recog-



GEORGE (John Doman) tries to explain to his daughter, Sophie (Emily Donahoe), why he is leaving her mother in "Honour."

THEATER REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents "Honour," by Joanna Murray-Smith
■ **WHEN:** Tuesdays-Sundays through July 3
■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 40 minutes
■ **HOW MUCH:** \$43-\$55
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As the marriage goes up in flames, it casts oddly distorted shadows of each member of the romantic triangle, which is what makes the play so fascinating (and if the story sounds familiar, you may have seen a production a few seasons ago at Walnut Creek's Playhouse West). The consequences of the fling come back to haunt all of those involved, and there are no complete heroes or villains in the piece (although George remains a front-runner for bad-guy dishonors).

Murray-Smith wastes few words in her taut story. Dialogue is nothing close to flowery. Instead it is terse and pointed, with

many of the telling lines like carefully aimed darts.

Making this all the more interesting is director Paul Schneider, who keeps the show's relentless pace, and the actors, particularly the women, who not only create a believably believable world but are able to show a range of change as the story unfolds.

Chalfant, particularly, has an astounding range in her performance, traveling from the wronged woman to the wronged woman and capable survivor to a hugely effective performance.

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Riley still raring to compose as he turns 70

■ Father of minimalism looks forward to improving in his craft and working with his son



GEORGIA ROWE
Classical Notes

TERRY RILEY turns 70 in a few weeks. But fans of the influential California composer needn't worry. He's not considering retirement anytime soon and says he plans to spend the milestone doing what he does best — improvising, composing and thinking about music.

He will take time out to celebrate his birthday at next week's Berkeley Edge Festival at Hertz Hall. Presented by Cal Performances, the biennial event opens June 3 with an evening devoted to the music of Riley and composer John Zorn. The program features selected Riley works, performed by the composer himself, along with cellist Joan Jeanrenaud, tabla master Zakir Hussain and selected members of Riley's band, the Terry Riley All-Stars.

Riley, often called the father of minimalism, remains one of new music's greatest innovators, so it's a little surprising to think of him at 70. In a recent interview, the composer, who was born in Colfax and divides his time between a home in Richmond and a ranch near Nevada City, said he was as startled as anyone by the impending birthday.

"It's surprising," he said. "I didn't actually think I'd get here."

Riley is perhaps best-known as the composer of "In C," the groundbreaking 1964 work that helped launch the minimalist movement. Unlike some of the music of the era, "In C" continues to be widely performed. But Riley says his career isn't defined by that achievement.

"It certainly is something I did, and I think 'In C' sort of defined what minimalism was going to be about," he says. "The piece has a life of its own now, in ways that I don't even

hear about. I do have some involvement with it — last year we did a tour with the Bang-on-a-Can All-Stars, and it was the 40th anniversary of 'In C.' But it's not all that I do."

Indeed, Riley has never stopped making significant contributions to contemporary music. He's particularly proud of the works he's written for the Kronos Quartet, including a set of string quartets commissioned by the group. He continues to collaborate with Kronos; the quartet premiered his latest work, "The Cusp of Magic," last month at Hertz Hall.

"I'm really happy with the relationship I have with Kronos, the way we work together," says the composer. "A lot of times when you work with musicians, you don't have that close personal contact. You mail them a score, and they have to figure out what your intentions were. With Kronos, they've welcomed my involvement in their rehearsals. We work directly and discuss aspects of the music that I feel are important to bring out. I really haven't worked with any other groups in that intensive way."

Riley is also a pioneer in the exploration of Indian classical music. He began studying ragas in 1970, and is still influenced by the form.

"It's a very important part of my total work," he says. "From the first time I heard it, it just really resonated with me in terms of its emotional appeal. I also felt close to the improvisational aspect of the music, which is central to the way it's performed. I had always been interested in improvisation, so when I started working with Indian classical music, it was a very natural step for me."

Raga practice is part of his daily life, he adds, as is the im-



CALIFORNIA COMPOSER Terry Riley embraces things to come in his music career.

provisational work that leads to composing.

"I don't compose every day," he says. "But I do music every day. I improvise at the piano and work on the synthesizer. That's where my compositional ideas will start their journey, out of some improvisation I'm doing. I keep a notebook, and I enter ideas into it almost every day. I wait until those ideas accumulate to the degree that they need to be put into a form. Then I start

composing the piece."

As he approaches 70, Riley says that one of his great satisfactions is the musical relationship he's developed with his son, Gyan Riley. The 27-year-old guitarist and composer will join his father onstage at the June 3 concert.

"It's quite a thrill, really," says the elder Riley. "You always hope that your music will be passed on in your offspring. That was a lifelong dream of mine, and I was very happy

when he got bitten by the bug. Working with him has been interesting because he's been growing up and really understanding the way I work and the way I do. There are moments that happen on an intuitive level when we're together."

Asked if he has any plans for the next decade, Riley says he's not sure.

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Section D

Mazda RX-8 rotary engine provides lots of zoom, zoom

MOTOR MATTERS
Think sports cars don't come in four-door packages? Take a look at the Mazda RX-8 with a rotary engine. You'll be pleasantly surprised. The RX-8 offers all the comforts expected of a four-door sedan with the appearance of a two-door sports coupe. Unlike the conventional fixed center console, the RX-8 uses a four-door design with the doors opening backwards by using hinges concealed in the jamb of the door. This wide opening allows for easy access to the rear seat. With all four doors open, the RX-8 has a wide-open trunk space. However, the narrow opening of the trunk, in the perspective of this car changed when I sat behind the wheel. I was quickly convinced this is a sports car.

The RX-8 is powered by a high-revving (8,500 rpm), smooth, and strong 13B rotary engine. This power is transmitted through a six-speed manual transmission. The gearbox is a bit notchy, but it has a short throw and I had no problem shifting into gear. But what surprised me most was how well it accelerated.

And that the RENESIS engine provides more intake and twice as much exhaust area than previous rotary engines. The larger intake and exhaust eliminate the need for forced induction that is used on former Mazda cars, such as the RX-7.

The interior of my tester had heated seats with an attractive, two-tone black and red leather trim. The largest instrument on the instrument panel is the tachometer. Speed is shown in large digital numbers.

A Bose sound system is in the central area, and I could feel vibration of the speakers. For convenience, one spoke



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KEANE ON WHEELS

Steering is precise, and with its short-turning diameter (35 feet), it is very easy to maneuver. Instead of using a power-steering pump, Mazda has equipped the RX-8 with an electric motor for steering assistance.

Unlike the harsh ride of some sports cars, the RX-8 ride is quite comfortable. All four wheels have mono-tube gas-filled shock absorbers that provide good feedback of the road — with a smooth ride.

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MAZDA RX-8

Vehicle Type	Four-passenger, four-door, rear-wheel drive sports car
Suggested Retail Price as Tested	\$26,875
Engine Type	RENEIS 13B rotary
Horsepower	238 @ 8,500 rpm
Torque	159 @ 5,500 rpm
Transmission	Six-speed manual w/OD
Wheelbase	106 inches
Height	53 inches
Curb Weight	3,029 pounds
Fuel Capacity	16 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 18/24

of the steering wheel includes controls to change stations and sound level. The other spoke contains buttons to operate cruise control.

There are many other amenities, such as power windows and door locks, remote entry, digital clock, four cup holders,

a sun roof, tinted glass and a rear-window radio antenna.

As for safety, this car has the usual active and passive safety elements, including ABS-equipped disc brakes. The center doorpost achieved high ratings in side impact tests but, what gives Mazda rea-

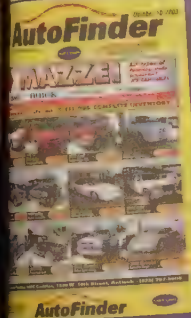
son to boast is that, in recent rollover tests performed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the RX-8 was the only car of the 68 tested vehicles to receive a five-star rating.

While you're looking this car over, ask the dealer about trim and warranty packages. You'll find more reasons to be surprised.

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1941 Ford never pushed beyond 55 miles-per-hour

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

Sixty-three years after the fact, Michael Gallahan was reflecting on the year 1941. He decided that despite the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor it was still a pretty good year, especially as it was the year of his birth.

In the spring of 2004, he decided to buy a car of the same vintage as himself. There was only one caveat: It had to be a Ford. Any one of the 15 models manufactured that year would suffice, but Gallahan was hoping to find a sporty model. Ford built 691,896 cars in 1941 and many survive today.

By the summer of 2004, as his birthdate of July 7 approached, Gallahan had found several 1941 Fords, all of which were wanting in one aspect or another, when he saw an ad in an antique car magazine offering a Super Deluxe business coupe for sale in Dublin, Pa. A telephone conversation with the owner, Dick Cutler, confirmed that the car sounded ideal. An anxious Gallahan wanted to inspect the Ford before some other buyer got there first.

His request to visit was rejected by the seller because of a previous commitment. Cutler and his wife, Rosemarie, were about to leave on a two-week vacation aboard a cruise ship.

A disappointed Gallahan was certain he would lose out on the little five-window coupe. After the

CLASSIC CLASSICS

longest two weeks of his life, he again telephoned the Pennsylvania man and was enthusiastically told to come on up and look over the Ford.

With a trusted mechanic along, Gallahan and his wife, Millie, drove there in July, carefully following the directions to their destination. When they turned down the last street, Gallahan's wife exclaimed, this looks like a runway.

She was absolutely correct. A pilot occupied every house on the street and every house has a hangar for a small airplane. The street doubles as a runway. As soon as the hangar door was opened and Gallahan saw the green Ford, he knew the deal was as good as done.

Cutler in 2001 had purchased the Ford in Oshkosh, Wis., from the son of the original owner. The son reportedly had the car repainted in 1968 and the 221-cubic-inch V-8 engine rebuilt in 2000. Records indicate the Ford was purchased new in Fountain City, Wis., and was kept by the original owner until 1967.

The base price for the 2,929-pound coupe was \$777. If the coupe had a back seat, the price would have been boosted by \$30. This Ford cost considerably more because it was loaded with extra cost accessories including: radio, heater, sun visor, dual mirrors, dual



ALTHOUGH THE SPEEDOMETER registers speeds up to 100 mph, Michael Gallahan is reluctant to put any undue strain on the Ford. "I've had it up to 55 one time," he acknowledges.

spotlights, Venetian blinds, bumper wingtips, bumper overrides, and wheel beauty rings.

Gallahan had his 1941 Ford trucked home to his home in Virginia and was relieved when it rolled off the truck. He considers the Ford a belated birthday present.

The 85-horsepower flathead V-8 runs smoothly as an overhauled

engine should. Gallahan was about 98 percent pleased with his 1941 Ford, but he thought that the bumpers had lost some of their luster. After having them replated with chrome, Gallahan is now 100 percent satisfied with his acquisition.

Seated behind the two-spoke steering wheel with its chrome-plated half-circle horn ring, he can

admire the unwarping plastic trim on the woodgrain dashboard ahead of him or glance at the rearview mirror and observe the Venetian blinds on the rear window. The car runs smoothly on its 6.00x16-inch wide white sidewall tires.

Although the speedometer is ready to register speeds up to 100 mph, Gallahan is reluctant to put

any undue strain on the 1941 Ford. "I've had it up to 55 one time," he acknowledges.

For your car to become part of the Classic Classics series, send a photo (front and side) and brief details and photos of the car to Vern Parker, 2221 Abingdon Vienna, VA 22181. Only good quality will be accepted.

Transmission is designed for the Plymouth Voyager's engine

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Plymouth Voyager with 104,000 miles. This minivan has been a great vehicle. It is true the new four-cylinder engines are better than the V6 engines because the transmissions are being specifically designed for the four-cylinder engines? — Kevin

Dear Kevin: We service a lot of Chrysler minivans and none has had a major problem. As for the transmission design of a four-cylinder engine specifically, this is incorrect. The transmission is designed for both engines.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 2004 Chevrolet Colorado crew cab with two-wheel drive and a 3.5-liter V6 engine. The current mileage is 5,218. The EPA gas mileage rating is 18 in the city and 24 on the highway. My best gas mileage to date is 13.6 in the city. Is this normal, and how can I get the 18-24 mileage? — Arnold

Dear Arnold: Gas mileage is a concern to a lot of owners. The mileage estimates on the window sticker are just that: estimates. Your mileage may be different. When you look closely at the window sticker in the lower corner you will see the majority of vehicle mileage will be less. After 5,000 miles, the engine is broken in and mileage will average a half-gallon more. After 5,000 miles, a switch to full synthetic oil will give the average driver about one more mile per gallon. Note that your particular truck has the optional 3.73-axle gear ratio. This axle ratio will give more power all around, while using a bit more gasoline. To date, there are no gas-saving devices that will deliver or increase fuel economy.

Dear Doctor: Could you help

AUTO DOCTOR

us out with oil change intervals? I drive a 2004 Hyundai Santa Fe. The dealer changes the oil after 700 miles. I do not do a lot of driving. My friends say I should have the oil changed every three months or 3,000 miles. What do you suggest? — John

Dear John: I have never heard of any engine damage from changing the oil too soon. On the other hand all the news reports on sludge and oil jelling could have been eliminated with the three-month or 3,000-mile interval service. On vehicles that use synthetic oil, an oil and filter change at six months or 6,000 miles should be sufficient.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 Cadillac DeVille. The problem is the anti-lock brakes engage when the temperature is cold. The brake pedal pushes back at my foot and the ABS and traction lights come on. The lights will stay on until I shut the engine off and restart it. This happens a couple of times per week. I left the car at the dealer and they replaced the left front wheel bearing assembly with the ABS sensor built in at a large expense to me. The problem still is not repaired. — Dog

Dear Don: The problem sounds like a bad wheel speed sensor. Your car has four sensors, one on each wheel. The good thing is you had the repair done at the dealer, and they have to refund the money you paid. I find both bad wheel speed sensors and dirty connections to be the main problem in vehicles with ABS-related problems such as yours.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Saturn SL1 sedan. My complaint is

about the motorized shoulder seat belts that are mounted on the door. Whenever the driver or passenger starts to get out of the car with the engine running, the shoulder seat belt mechanism moves with perfect timing to hit the driver or passenger on the head when getting out of the car. On cold mornings, the belt moves even slower. Is there a way to speed the automatic belt mechanism, or acceptable way to replace the factory seat belt system? — Anthony

Dear Anthony: When it comes to safety related items such as seat belts, I would not recommend any changes or modifications to the factory system. The factory spends a lot of money on research and development for safety related issues. As for the slow down in the cold weather, have the tracks lubricated with synthetic lubricant, not conventional oil.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Ford Bronco with 106,000 miles. There is an oil leak between the engine and transmission. I was told it is a rear main oil seal. The leak is annoying and leaves spots in my driveway. The engine will go 3,000 miles without adding any oil. Is there any stop leak that you would recommend? — David

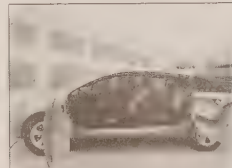
Dear David: There are some advertised stop leaks on the market. To date, I have not seen any that will enlarge or soften the seals. I suggest switching to high-mileage oil. During the warmer months, 20W40 should work fine, in colder months 10W30 or 40 will not affect starting on cold mornings. The high-mileage oil has additional additives designed for high-mileage engines.

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Family transportation

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THE HYUNDAI PORTICO concept vehicle.

tended to adapt to the changing needs of a modern family. It provides a car-like ride with a large "family friendly" interior.

The Portico features front hinged doors and rear hinged doors with pillarless design and seats six people. The concept vehicle is powered by a 24-valve DOHC V6 engine and offers a navigational screen, plus a DVD-based entertainment system.

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will compete head-to-head with Toyota while Cadillac will compete with BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Lexus. The other brands will be tightly focused. (Detroit News)

When will we leave

A recent poll by the National Press reveals that 50 percent of Americans are less often than passengers and the consequences are severe. A higher percentage of people killed in pickup trucks didn't buckle up, compared to those in passenger cars.

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2167 Magellan Dr - \$805,500
3328 MLK Jr Wy - \$320,000
3840 MLK Jr Wy - \$469,000
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2624 Maxwell Av - \$560,000
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6028 Merriewood Dr - \$640,000
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2368 Monticello Av - \$550,000
3101 Monticello Av - \$525,000
6140 Moraga Av - \$830,000
2911 Myrtle St - \$320,000
1859 Northwood - \$1,360,000
6767 Oakwood Dr - \$1,150,000
2929 Octavia St - \$610,000
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333 Palli Ct - \$2,100,000
5098 Parkridge Dr - \$831,000
9329 Peach St - \$459,000
428 Phelps St - \$360,500
7833 Plymouth St - \$300,000
1160 Powell St - \$650,000
7400 Roodsdale 7G - \$330,000
833 Santa Ray Av - \$751,000
6957 Saroni Dr - \$751,000
5157 Shafter Av - \$756,000
243 Somerset Rd - \$855,000
29 Starview Dr - \$960,000
4969 Stoneridge Ct - \$825,000
9631 Sunnyside St - \$600,000
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8600 Thermal St - \$183,000
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288 Whitmore 325 - \$312,500
3450 Wyman St - \$622,000

811 York St 111 - \$600,000

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980 Park Ln - \$975,000

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253 1st St - \$500,000
242 25th St A - \$550,000
691 9th St 1 - \$570,000
5525 Alameda Av - \$363,000
2633 Andrade Av - \$455,000
1344 Battery - \$348,000
1201 Brickyard 418 - \$675,000
101 Chesley Av - \$405,000
2531 Cutting Bl - \$370,000
2369 Downer Av - \$367,000
57 Duboce Av - \$214,000
1326 Fascination Cr - \$700,000
1426 Gaynor Av - \$415,000
25 Grove St - \$425,000
348 Hawk Ridge - \$873,000
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2630 Longview - \$550,000
5629 Marin Av - \$495,000
1339 Mariposa St - \$476,000
5436 Modoc Av - \$356,000
3004 Phillips Ct - \$400,000
3024 Phillips Ct - \$485,000
5239 San Jose Av - \$460,000
22 Seabreeze Dr - \$750,000
226 South 18th St - \$350,000
241 South 18th St - \$370,000
148 South 3rd St - \$325,000
232 South 3rd St - \$320,000
138 South 5th St - \$360,000
135 South Marina - \$195,000
5408 Tandem Ln - \$705,000
3411 Wall Av - \$510,000
821 West Meadow - \$872,000
432 Wood Glen Dr - \$828,000
1301 York St - \$619,000

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306 Aloha Dr - \$530,000
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1220 Avon Av - \$560,000
262 Caliente Dr - \$420,000
203 California Av - \$480,000
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267 Suffolk Dr - \$500,000
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1706 Vining Dr - \$550,000
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628 Empire St - \$515,000
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17642 Via Rincon - \$510,000
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By the numbers

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TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$600,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$615,542

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$951,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$760,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$737,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: \$429,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,274,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$710,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$711,361

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$630,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$813,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$675,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$702,600

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TOTAL SALES: 4
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HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$455,000
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BMW 3 Series — An icon of sports sedans

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE
MOTOR MATTERS

If you're someone who is passionate about cars and driving, the unique combination of performance and luxury associated with the BMW 3 Series has not been lost on you. The first generation of the 3 Series appeared in the U.S. market in 1975. It's been a huge success worldwide and has evolved now into its fifth generation as a completely redesigned 2006 model. And "completely redesigned" is no exaggeration.

Changes to the 2006 3 Series start with an all-new platform and body structure that increases every dimension for more passenger and cargo room. The wheelbase and overall length increase by 1.4- and 2.2 inches, respectively. Width is up by a full 3 inches and the new model is 0.8 inches taller. Weight is up too, but just about 100 pounds.

That increase in size and weight is more than offset by major powertrain and suspension improvements. The new engine design uses an aluminum/magnesium composite technology with features that provide more power, better performance and improved fuel economy. Both the 325i and 330i models use a 3.0-liter inline six, calibrated for two levels of performance. Horsepower and torque for the 325i and 330i are 215 horsepower 185 pounds-feet and 255 horsepower 220 pounds-feet, respectively. According to BMW, better breathing from the 330i's three-stage intake manifold accounts for most of the horsepower difference, but a new generation of engine management software also plays an important role.

Valvetronic variable valve lift, the system already in use on BMW's V12 and V8 engines appears in enhanced form for the first time in a BMW six-cylinder engine. Valvetronic varies valve lift a far greater amount than other variable valve-lift systems, so much so that it replaces the engine throttle. Engine breathing is controlled entirely by the valves, resulting in improved efficiency, more power, better response, and a broader torque curve.

Other engine innovations include an electrically driven, electronically controlled coolant pump. Its speed varies according to the engine's coolant and oil temperatures at any

DOWN THE ROAD

moment. It runs only as much as needed and consumes a tenth of the power required by a conventional belt-driven coolant pump. Another benefit is a faster warm up, and by eliminating the drive belt, makes the engine package smaller.

BMW engineers have also developed a new type of oil pump. By varying the oil output according to engine oil pressure, the pump always pumps sufficient pressure, but never pumps more oil than necessary. It requires less power from the engine to operate, and doesn't need a bypass to divert excess flow, which can be up to 80 percent. This also avoids possible excess oil temperature and oil foaming problems.

A six-speed manual transmission is standard on both models, but now, the 3 Series joins the 5, 6, 7 and X5 V8 models in offering a six-speed automatic. Compared to the five-speed it replaces, it's 10 percent lighter, has a more efficient torque converter, has fewer moving parts and can improve fuel economy when sixth gear is frequently used.

Coming soon is a six-speed sequential manual gearbox. This is an electrohydraulically-shifted, electronically controlled variant of the six-speed manual transmission, including an automatic clutch. In use, the driver selects the desired mode (N,R,D,S) with a console-mounted shift lever. There is no clutch, so the driver can execute manual shifts via that lever or two "paddles" on the steering wheel. SMG provides the performance of a manual transmission and allows both automatic and very sporty driving without penalizing fuel economy.

In addition to the new, more powerful engines, an all-new chassis brings the benefit of BMW's double-pivot front suspension to the 3 Series for the first time. A completely new five-link rear suspension has been adopted to further improve both ride and handling. Active steering, previously available only on the 5 and 6 Series, are now available as an option. With active steering, steering wheel movements for parking, U turns, and sharp corners are greatly reduced. With increasing speed, the steering wheel movement

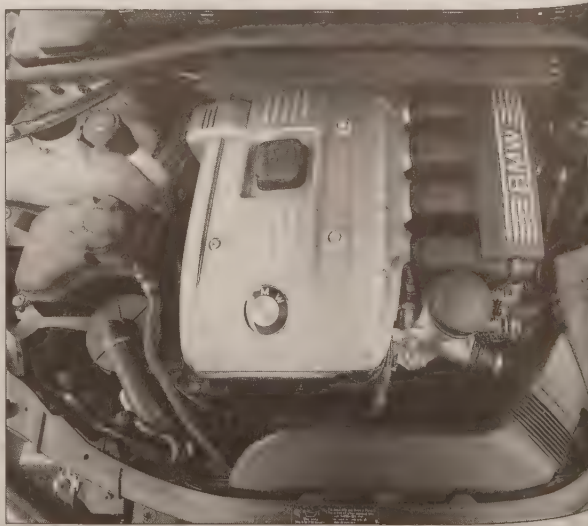


becomes tighter, favoring stability over agility.

A new-generation dynamic stability control system, appearing for the first time in the 2006 3 Series, adds an array of functions intended to make driving safer and more pleasant. BMW brakes are well known for superb performance, and since stability control depends largely on the selective use of brakes, BMW has focused considerable attention on fine-tuning brake performance. For example, for those whose driving includes hard brake use, a new feature called brake fade compensation senses when brake temperature rises (and fade begins), and automatically increases hydraulic brake pressure relative to pedal force.

Every new 3 Series comes with BMW's run-flat tire system, which consists of self-supporting tires and wheel rims shaped to help keep a flat tire securely in place. There is no spare tire. Instead, under the trunk floor is a deep compartment providing additional storage space.

That's only a taste of what's new with the 3 Series. The only way to find out about all of the new features is to take a test drive. You won't be disappointed.



THE BMW 3 SERIES, top, is a combination of performance and luxury. The new engine, bottom, uses an aluminum/magnesium composite technology with features that provide better performance and improved fuel economy.

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Collectibles, Norkate
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Much More!

BLOCK SALE!
SAT JUNE 4th 9-2
1900 Block Hays Ave.
Limosine, china, fur,
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DON'T MISS IT!
2008 RAY VIEW DR.
SAT 4-8am - 3pm
TVS, Cops, music, etc.
Laser disc player, re-
corders, books, bedding,
clothes, furniture &
Kitchen & Miscs.

ESTATE SALE!
SAT 4th 9am - 2pm
3342 Solomon
Off Holly, Bay Farm
Most of house contents
In bed, linens, large
sectional sofa, dining
table, bar stools
Bar-b-ques, new tan-
dem bike, dresser, hot
tub, tools, houseware,
and much more.

ESTATE SALE!
SAT/SUN 9-4
1817 CLINTON AVE.
Off Grand
Mostly antiques & col-
lectibles, carved furni-
ture, pinball machine, 64
"Great Wave" - grand-
father clock, pool table,
Mica shade, 1000+ birch
lights, blue willow grill,
framed, African wood-
mover, mirrors, desks,
iron, couch, wrought
iron pub table, large
old wooden wine
press, garden, and
much, much more.

GREAT YARD SALE
280 1220 REDWOOD
SAT/SUN 9-4
Brent Enclain, San Jose
Unit 12 N 9-12
Clothing, books, com-
puter, knick knacks, etc.
LPs, CD vinyl, DVD's
frames & lots more

HUGE 3 FAMILY SALE
SAT 6/4-9-4
441 Central Ave.
Bedroom set, dresser,
bicycles, pinball, etc.
off./ant./janitor/sup.
clothes, buffet, vacu-
um, hshld. items, kids stuff

HUGE GARAGE SALE
SAT/SUN 4th-5th
332 Santa Clara Ave.
Couches, oak desk
iron tanks, furniture, etc.
clothes & Much More
Everything Must Go!

LARGE RUMOR SALE
SAT JUNE 4th 7-3
1515 Santa Clara Ave.
Furniture, household
items, clothing, toys,
and much more

MOVING SALE!
SAT/SUN 3rd & 4th
1501 3rd St./Santa
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Misc. hshld. items, fur-
niture, toys, etc.
Lots More Come & Go

Multi-Family Sale
36/04 8am
160 Cumberland
Furn. Garden equip.
Glassware Pwr. tools
Tools TV Women's
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MULTI-FAMILY SALE
SAT 4th 8-12
1618 ALAMEDA AVE
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SAT, JUNE 4, 8-2
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tronics, clothes, sm.
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and lots more
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Multi-Family Sale
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3259 Sterling Ave

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE
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ture, odds & ends
Sat. June 4th, 9-2pm
1541 Eastshore Blvd
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8:30-2PM
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Off Constitution
Independence Plaza
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SAT 9am-2pm
1373 Versailles Off Central
Household treasures, child-
ren's items and collectibles

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Alameda triples its pleasure

Hornets drill nine 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL matchup

By Scott Strain

Live by the "3" or die by the "3" — and Alameda lived. The Hornets (17-3) and in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League's top honors, including seven by sophomore guard Kevynigh Calandri, and seven by sophomore El Cerrito 70-71 Thursday night at the Hornets' gym in Alameda.

The loss knocked the Gauchos (17-4, 8-2) one-and-a-half games behind the Hornets in the ACCAL. Alameda has three league games left. El Cerrito two. The Gauchos still have to play Berkeley.

Alameda was coming off an

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excruciating 81-56 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito, which it had defeated 57-51 in El Cerrito on Jan. 17. The Gauchos, on the other hand, had trounced El Cerrito 60-33 on Tuesday, shut out the Jets 18-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we were just supposed to beat them, so I took that (loss) out here tonight."

With Calandri firing at four 3-pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 39-17 lead at the half. Alameda's Lucia Galindo fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

The game swung permanently away from El Cerrito in the first few moments of the third quarter.

Nicole Catania stole the ball from Analiese McGraw underneath the Alameda basket and scored for 41-37. The Gauchos turned the ball over immediately after that and Calandri hit another 3-pointer for 44-37. El Cerrito called timeout with 7:05 left in the period and already had turned the ball over four times. The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos, their inside game evaporating, were forced to go to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our hustle on defense," Calandri said about the effort against El Cerrito. "If (the defense) wasn't there against Berkeley, I thought we'd be back against Berkeley; we didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandri's success was ball movement; the Gauchos

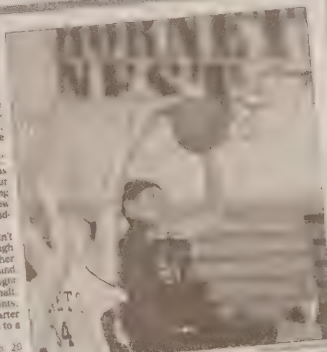
simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, set and shoot.

"It was a hard job of coaching," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few moments of the third quarter didn't help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter and Christina Perreault had an eight of her points in the second half.

Kumari Willis had 12 points, including six in the first quarter when the two teams battled to a 18-15 tie.

Calandri finished with 20 points to lead all scorers. McGraw, who had 23 points to lead El Cerrito and Jordan McCormick had 14.



EL CERRITO HIGH'S Analiese McGraw, right, gets a rebound over Alameda's Shahida Gassom-Paid in their ACCAL game.

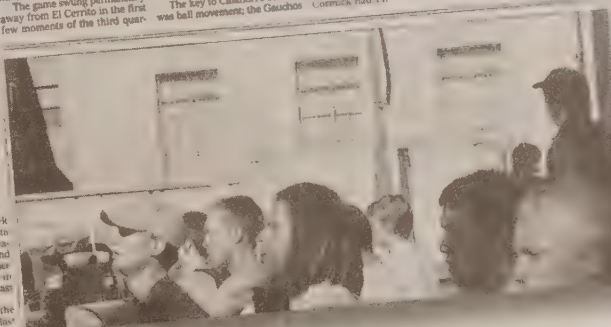
ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina

After a heart-pounding week to end the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League's soccer season, league champion Richmond High School is gearing up to face its first opponent tomorrow in the second round of North Coast Section, IA play.

At the start of the week, the Oilers, the No. 3 seed after last season's victory over a school



BSAL NOTEBOOK

Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

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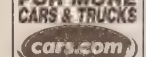
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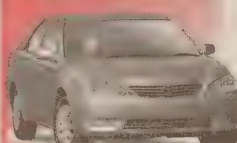
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- 1 cup 1/4-inch strips salami
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- 1 cup 1/4-inch strips red bell pepper (1 medium)

1. Make pasta salad as directed on package. Stir in remaining ingredients. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate any remaining salad.

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- 1 avocado, pitted, peeled and cut into wedges
- 1 bag (10 ounces) ready-to-eat American blend salad greens (iceberg lettuce, romaine, red cabbage, carrots and radishes)

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Garlic Beef Bruschetta

A few easy ingredients on toasted French bread spells *yum* for a quick-fix potluck or picnic appetizer.

30 appetizers

- 1 loaf French bread, cut into thirty 1/4- to 1/2-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup soft cream cheese with roasted garlic
- 8 ounces thinly sliced cooked deli roast beef
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 4 Roma (plum) tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 8 medium green onions, sliced (1/2 cup)

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Brush both sides of bread slices with oil. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake about 5 minutes or until crisp. Cool 5 minutes.

2. Spread cream cheese over each slice. Top with beef; sprinkle with pepper. Top each with tomato slice and onions.

Lemonade Tea

When served in restaurants, this half-lemonade, half-iced tea beverage is often called an "Arnold Palmer."

20 servings (about 1 cup each)

- 2 cans (12 ounces each) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 3 quarts iced tea
- Fresh mint sprigs, if desired

1. Make lemonade as directed on can, using punch bowl or large container. Stir in tea.

2. Serve over ice. Garnish with mint.

It's easy to create a pasta salad with your own personal touch.

Start with a pasta salad mix and stir in your favorite ingredients. For a mouthwatering, main dish salad, add protein in the form of cheese, grilled chicken, bacon or ham and lots of fresh vegetables for color and flavor. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until dinner is ready. You'll know you have a hit when you take home that empty salad bowl — or get lots of requests for the recipe! Here are a few creative ideas to get you started:

- Grilled vegetables, cherry tomatoes and Parmesan cheese
- Sliced avocado and crisp, crumbled bacon
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A gardener's work space can be functional, decorative

BY LUCY PERRY

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If you're hardening off plants in your basement or taking up garage space with old pots, dangling hoses and bags of mulch, consider a potting shed.

Both functional and decorative, these outbuildings are where America's love affair with gardening intertwines with a gardener's need for organization. As gardening continues to grow in popularity, potting sheds are becoming a key feature in the backyard landscape.

Carolyn Hinkle considers her potting shed "gardening central" at her Independence, Mo., home. It's where she harvests the perennials she raises for the Independence Garden Club's pre-Mother's Day plant sale; last year she potted 750 of them.

"I do utilize my shed a lot," says Hinkle, whose husband, Larry, designed it after the two spotted one they liked at a home show. The couple had the structure built by a local company four years ago. "We used some of their basic plans but told them how we wanted it to look," said Carolyn Hinkle.

Hinkle wanted her 16-by-10-foot potting shed to face the back of her house. From that position, she says, "you're looking toward your house so if someone is trying to get your attention, say, for a phone call, you'll see them."

Many potting shed owners say two elements are important: light and water. Hinkle says of the two, water is more critical. "You want to have water access. Now I have electricity because (starting) the first of April, I'm out there many times till 9 at night," she says. "But, you can get by without electricity, not water."

Hinkle's husband designed the

shed with a pitched roof. "My husband and the builders got to thinking it could get hot with a little old short roof."

Besides the front door, the shed also has a large side door where a concrete ramp allows Hinkle to run a cart in and out.

"Maybe I have a big wheelbarrow and I'm mixing soil and it starts to rain. I can run the barrow right into my potting shed."

The shed's floor is concrete as well. "I wouldn't be without it," Hinkle says. "You'll (store) bags of soil or fertilizer, and they can take on moisture. Plus, you can get critters, especially ants, in there. You're lessening that if you have concrete."

For most of her gardening work, Hinkle uses a potting bench under one of the shed's two overhangs. She stores her hand tools in the bench, keeps her larger digging tools on hooks inside, devotes the shed's shelves to gardening work and hangs her 23 soaker hoses across the boards in the pitched rafters.

But one piece of landscape equipment has been banished from the shed: "We don't use it for storing lawn mowers. If you do, you'll have a storage shed."

Johnson County, Kan., master gardener John Stewart finished his potting shed last April, minus electricity and water. Stewart and his wife, Jody, looked for a garden focal point for some time before settling on a potting shed.

"We thought about an arbor, but then my mother-in-law brought over a Better Homes and Gardens magazine and said, 'Look at these potting sheds.' We ordered the plans."

The Stewarts' shed is an 8-by-11-foot replica of an English security building at the front of an estate, says

Stewart. "The thing that attracted us was, first, it had lots of glass in it, and second the one featured was made out of recycled materials."

Although the Stewarts adjusted their plans to meet both Prairie Village and their home association's codes, they made the shed a recycled labor of love.

"There are three storm door inserts I collected on heavy trash days from various places in the area," Stewart says.

"One window came out of our house where we put in a garden window," Stewart says. "One of my bosses took out a window so I salvaged it. The wood I recycled out of some decking. The shingles were leftovers from the last time I had my house roofed."

Stewart's original plans called for a concrete foundation, but using his deck as inspiration, he built a wooden platform on the ground with spaces between the planks, "so if I spilled something I could sweep it through the cracks in the floor."

Inspired by what he saw at a Cincinnati garden show, he "put gutting on top of the shed, and we planted hanging plants in it."

The shed's small porch is mostly for decoration. "It's designed more for putting pots on," says Stewart, who built shelves at different levels inside for hardening off plants that he starts in his basement during the winter. He put shelving in front of the windows so he could set out seedlings to thrive on the sunlight.

The greenhouse in Floyd Hooper's Overland Park, Kan., back yard was falling apart, so he had a new gardening work space built in 1998. "I wanted it to blend with the property and the house."

Hooper says his 14-by-10-foot outbuilding is a combination potting shed and greenhouse. With windows on one side for plants and shelves on the other for storage and potting, it was designed with skylights as well.

"The windows open, and I have a window box above the door for Impatiens every summer."

Like Stewart, Hooper is a Johnson County master gardener and he, too, had planks installed above the ground for flooring, but he had drainage in mind in his design. "I put a lot of plants out there in the winter time, and I water them, so the water goes through the crack."

Situated behind the house, the shed-greenhouse combo sits comfortably in the landscape. "The garden flows on either side around it," says Hooper, who incorporated a winding flagstone path leading to the shed.

"It's very functional but quite decorative," he says. "I hang tools on the wall, and the lawn mower and heavy things go under the benches. I also built a concrete ramp up to it so you don't have to lift the mower into it." He's put in an arbor, too, complete with a swing, "to complement the potting shed."

Andy Newcom's potting shed was designed by intuition - with his parents' help. A photo stylist for Hallmark for 20 years, he says the 8-by-8-foot outbuilding in his Kansas City back yard has evolved into less of a gardening work station and more of a home for his collection of photo props.

"I didn't have an overall grand plan when I started working on the yard, but one thing led to another,"

he said. "I started by building a fountain with Mom and Dad, and we thought a potting shed would be great back in the corner."

Newcom, who has his father's penchant for architectural research, has collected things over the years that have found a home either in or around the shed. He scavenged a window from neighbors who were redoing their kitchen. His aged work bench came from the lumberyard in a small Missouri town. He even has a bust of someone sitting inside the structure, and he "takes guesses of who this person is."

A candle chandelier, found in Omaha, Neb., hangs from the ceiling inside the shed, which sports a brick floor and an old zinc-trimmed stained-glass door. "I have little bits and pieces from trips I've been on. I'm looking all the time for things for both work and myself."

"Then I have shelves on the north wall filled with containers — vases, jars, things like that — for flowers to go in. I shoot a lot of flowers for work."

Newcom's shed won a national contest for Country Gardens magazine, and his yard was on the Design Industry Foundation's Fight AIDS garden tour last year. "And it's because we did it completely out of our love for creating. These things are all things I like to do: the flowers, my gardens, and building with Mom and Dad. You follow your passion and when you do that, you're successful."

Designing a shed

If you're designing the space yourself, trust your instincts. Think

about your personality, how you enjoy and how you use space.

Allow enough space to move around. Avoid facing the shed because of the back door that direction.

Consider "removable" sections. The potting shed and rain garden also be well year-round. You're working with a fan handy in the winter. Running water in the plant midweek and on a tricity is nice to have.

that can be easily incorporated into the landscape.

Seedlings need to be preferably natural seedlings. Don't include any bank of fluorescent grow lights. Consider installing a bank of fluorescent grow lights. be lowered from the sky.

Allow for space to utilize work surfaces. Maintain a clean work to prevent the spread of disease seedlings.

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ANDY NEWCOM in his backyard potting shed in Kansas City, Mo.



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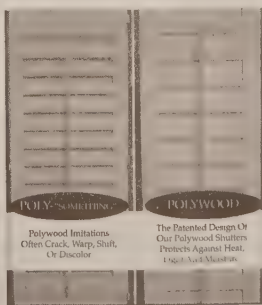
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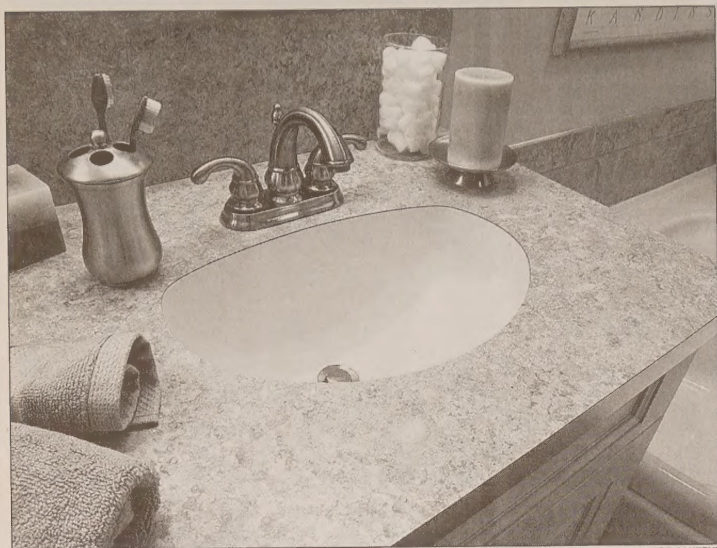
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Laminate countertops are coming back — even though they never went away

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If you've been shopping for new countertops, chances are you've been shown the latest in granite, artificial stone, or even cement. But has anyone reminded you about the advantages of and advancements in the most popular countertop surface today — decorative laminate?

It's a story that sometimes gets lost in a sea of high-priced, heavily-promoted "glamour" options that seem to spring out of nowhere. But when your money is at stake, it's a story you need to hear.

A new appreciation for an old standard

Laminate has been a surface of choice for more than 50 years. It came into its own after World War II, when America's housing boom was in full swing and it was the "cool" new alternative to linoleum countertops. In fact, these installations are now "cool" again, with a new generation of consumers seeking out original laminate countertops and dinette tables to re-use in their retro-schemed homes.

Many new laminate countertops are being designed with a nod to this illustrious past — with updated metal edges that recall the dimensional molding that was used on so many tops of their time. But customized, upscale edge treatments are just one of the reasons people are returning to laminate after flirting with other, more expensive options.

The complex countertop decision process

Noted kitchen designer Joan Eisenberg, ASID, CMKBD, has seen the countertop consideration cycle getting more complicated — and frustrating — over the past few years.

"When consumers get bombarded with today's range of luxury countertop options, they're likely to be dazzled, then intrigued, then confused. It's difficult to sort through all the promotional messages and to compare all these new choices," she says, "especially when they're also doing the

same thing with cabinetry, faucets, appliances and flooring."

It's when people get their cost estimates, points out Eisenberg, that they stop in their tracks and collect themselves. They realize that luxury countertops can become a burdensome share of their overall construction budget, and could prevent them from getting that professional range, custom cabinetry or built-in refrigerator they really had their hearts set on.

"Quite often, that's when they come back to laminate — and learn about the design, performance and affordability advantages it offers," she says. "It's also when their enthusiasm for their project is re-kindled."

Laminate countertop style and design

Today's laminate countertop can be thought of in two parts — the visual style of the surface itself, and then the edge treatment. Both areas offer more options than ever before, and can be combined for a limitless range of end results.

"The laminate designs available are just amazing," says Eisenberg. "You can pick from a rainbow of solid colors, bold graphics or attractive and pleasing natural looks. The laminate 'stone design' of today is not what you saw just a couple of years ago. The manufacturers have really upgraded the visual qualities of their designs."

Hybrid Slate from Nevamar, for example, is not a photographic reproduction of stone, but a much more sophisticated blend of veining, coloration and scale that give it a rich, elegant effect. It's a perfect companion for stainless steel appliances, and it complements the visual tones of today's cabinetry.

Once you've determined your favorite laminate design, fabricator Jack Bergman of BB Countertops in Colorado Springs recommends you take some time to think about the various ways to edge the top. "The edge," he says, "gives you options — to upgrade the countertop's look, to integrate it with the backsplash, to integrate it into the cabi-

net scheme, or to set the counter off as a design element all its own. Starting with the conventional self-edge, people are now looking at adding a custom twist by using metal, or laminate in a different color."

It gets more interesting from there. You can make postformed edges by wrapping the laminate down the front of the top. If you don't want to see the 'dark line' along the edge of traditional countertops, you can use a beveled edge, which, when combined with a stone-design laminate, delivers the impact of more expensive granite or marble.

"Many people like to use the beveled portion of the edge as an accent stripe — a green bevel on a white top, for example. This can tie in any other color from the room's scheme, and it's great for the elderly or visual-impaired homeowner, making it easier to gauge the edge of the counter as they approach it," says Bergman.

With laminate, you know what you're getting

Another plus offered by laminate — you don't have to worry about the unpredictable visual variation that comes with granite and marble. "The furniture industry calls it 'Nature's Touch' when a consumer complains about variation in a woodgrain dresser, for example. It's the same with natural stone — except by the time you've installed a countertop in someone's kitchen, it's too late — the homeowner is stuck with it," says Eisenberg.

"There's a consistency and reliability about laminate countertops that appeals to a lot of people — you know what you're getting."



LAMINATE REMAINS A TOP CHOICE for homeowners seeking the most value-packed combination of visual style, easy maintenance, durability and low price.

Eisenberg recommends that consumers look at large samples of any countertop they are considering. "You can also visit the Nevamar Web site (www.nevamar.com), to view their laminate patterns in a 4 foot by 8 foot sheet format. There's no way you'll get an unfortunate surprise after that," she adds.

Competitive pricing

Laminate has always enjoyed a position at the bargain end of the cost spectrum. While special edges and undermount sinks can add to the final price tag, an upgraded laminate top still leaves plenty of room in the budget, compared to other materials.

In terms of how laminate countertops broadly compare to other materials from a pricing perspective, several guides are available on the Internet. One major consumer magazine's Web site reports these figures for various countertop options:

- Pre-fabricated laminate top from a home center (uninstalled), \$20/linear foot
- Basic installed laminate top, \$35/linear foot
- Installed laminate with a custom edge, \$65/linear foot
- Solid surfacing, simple installation, common colors, \$100/linear foot
- Solid surfacing, custom edges with solid surface sink, \$200/linear foot
- Imported marble, \$300/linear foot
- Stainless Steel, \$150 to \$750/linear foot

For homeowners seeking the most value-packed combination of visual style, easy maintenance, durability and low price, laminate remains the top choice. For information and ideas on designs for the home, contact Joan Eisenberg at 800-638-4380 or www.mar.com.

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DIFFERENT STYLES OF WINDOWS and types of frames and glass create a myriad of choices.

CONSIDER THE STYLE of the home and how the window should function given its location.

What to know before you go window shopping, literally

When window shopping may be as clear as glass, there are a number of things that homeowners should consider when determining which window that best meets their needs or remodeling project.

Different styles of windows and types of frames and glass create a myriad of choices. Simplify the window shopping process by understanding the three basic components of a window and how they affect the design, feel and energy efficiency of a home.

Determine the most appropriate window for a home by considering the style of the home and the window should function in its location. First, become familiar with six basic styles:

- Picture: A large window that does not open.
- Gliding: A window with two panes, at least one of which slides horizontally past the other.
- Single or double-hung: A window with one or two vertically sliding panes in a single frame.
- Casement: A hinged window with a sash that cranks outward.
- Awning: A window, hinged at the top that opens outward. Similar to a casement window.
- Bay or bow: A combination of two or more windows projecting

out from a room.

"A house's facade can be transformed from boring to beautiful with the right style windows," suggests Barbara Winfield, editor for Woman's Day Home Remodeling and Makeovers Magazine. "Deciding on the shape and size of your windows requires an understanding of both the style and scale of your home."

For example: a casement window lends itself to a Prairie, Tudor or Ranch-style home, single or double-hung works well for a classic Cape-Cod or New England Saltbox. Don't forget to keep your exterior view in mind as well while planning your window theme."

Finally, keep in mind the location of the new window and how it will need to function. Consider using a double-hung window for a window that will be installed adjacent to patios, decks and walkways as they remain flush with the wall when open.

Frames

As the most visible component of a window, the frame is a key element that shapes the aesthetic both inside and outside of the home. But there is a lot more than meets the eye when it comes to finding the right type of frame, such as its insulation, durability and required maintenance.

There are four main materials

used to construct frames — vinyl, wood, clad wood and composite.

Vinyl is the most inexpensive framing option and requires relatively low maintenance. However, vinyl frames may deteriorate over time and could be less durable than other materials.

While requiring more of an investment and upkeep than vinyl frames, wood frames inherently offer superior insulation and strength.

Cladding, a technique pioneered by Andersen Windows in 1966, allows a homeowner to have the beauty of a wood-finished interior, but with the durability of a low-maintenance exterior, like vinyl or aluminum.

Composite frames blend both synthetic and natural materials and create windows that require little upkeep.

Glazing

Glazing, simply put, is the glass in a window. While seemingly transparent, there are a number of different options when it comes to glass — from the number of panes of glass to special coatings — all of which make a significant impact on a window's performance and ultimately, a homeowner's energy bill.

For homeowners following historical construction guidelines for older homes, single-pane windows are often times the only option. However, given their relatively low

energy efficiency, single-pane windows slowly are disappearing from the market.

A double-pane window, today's standard, is made with two sheets of glass and provides better energy efficiency than a single pane because of a gas that is sealed between the two layers of glass.

A third glazing option is triple-pane glass. It uses the same technology as a double-pane window but includes a second layer of gas between its second and third pane. It is generally more expensive, heavier and less common in today's windows.

Things to consider

A window worth purchasing will bear a National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) label. NFRC is a non-profit organization that provides accurate, "apple-to-apple" information to measure and compare the energy performance of windows and doors. Energy efficiency of a window based on four ratings:

- U-Factor — measures how well a product prevents heat from escaping. The lower the number, the more the window will help reduce heating bills.
- Solar Heat Gain Coefficient — metric for how well a product blocks heat caused by sunlight. The lower the number, the more it will help reduce air conditioning bills.
- Visible Transmittance — measures how much light comes through a product. The closer to 1, the more light is transmitted.
- Air Leakage — measures how much air can seep through window cracks and is measured in cubic feet of air that penetrates a square foot of window surface per minute.

Other Important factors

Warranty — Remember to review the warranty policy of a window before making a purchase. A quality window should come equipped with a warranty that covers all materials including the glass and frame.

Some manufacturers, like Andersen, also provide transferable warranties, which can add value to a home when a homeowner decides to sell it.

Helpful resources

There are a number of helpful Web sites for homeowners on the market for new windows, such as NFRC's site at www.nfrc.com. Also, consider going directly to the source and visit a manufacturer's site, such as www.andersenwindows.com or a retailer's site, such as The Home Depot, www.homedepot.com.

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WOOD FRENCH DOORS add a touch of class and make a passage between indoor spaces and outdoor living areas a feature, not just a transition.

Adding classic styling to porches and patios with French doors

As the home improvement craze continues to sweep the nation, a lot of homeowners are beginning to look beyond sheer size and focus on ways to improve their home's styling. One of the more popular upgrades these days are exterior doors, and not just the ones on the front of the house but also those leading to outdoor living spaces.

Vinyl sliding glass doors have been the default choice for quite a while now primarily because of cost. They work just fine, but lack warmth and appeal. In contrast, wood French doors add a touch of class and make a passage between indoor spaces and outdoor living areas a feature, not just a transition. Wood provides a much more classic and traditional look, and it can be stained or painted to blend with any décor.

A classic set of swinging, double French patio doors creates a nice, wide entry to let cool breezes flow into homes on warm summer days. They also bring in soft, natural light to help make rooms appear larger on gray, wintry days.

Wood French doors can cost more than vinyl sliding glass doors, but they can also add value by giving your home character that sets it apart. It's also worth a little extra investment to install quality wood patio doors that are more resistant to weather and better insulated, espe-

cially if you live in a colder climate. Durable weather stripping and thermally insulated glass are "must haves" for winter.

Historically, exposure to tough weather conditions such as rain, snow, direct sunlight and standing water can, in some cases, pose a challenge to wood doors causing problems with leakage, rotting and warping. Wood doors do require a little care now and then to keep them functioning at their best, but recent developments have made them much more resistant to moisture and the ravages of harsh weather.

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Adding a transom, a matching overhead window, and sidelights, one or a pair of matching side windows, is another popular option for many homeowners — as is placing multiple sets of patio doors side-by-side to create a wall of windows. To enhance security, homeowners may also choose to add slide bolts at the top and bottom of one door with the other positioned to close and lock against it.

Most patio door openings are a standard size of 80 inches tall and six feet wide, but wood patio doors can be custom ordered to fit just about any size. French doors are even available in larger sizes to accommodate today's taller ceilings. They also can be installed to swing either in or out depending on what will work best for your situation.

For more information, call 800-952-4057 or visit www.simpson-door.com.

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Terrariums: Gardening in a bowl

Once more, many find terrariums entrancing

BY DENISE COWIE
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Terrariums, those miniature green worlds under glass that gardeners of a certain age remember so well, are making a comeback. Terrarium-workshop attendance is up; plant stores and gardening catalogs are showcasing fancy containers, and one lifestyle magazine even suggests making tiny terrariums out of clear glass ornaments left over from Christmas.

Can a terrarium episode of "That '70s Show" be far behind? It was in the '70s, in fact, that South Jersey gardener Ann Neff first encountered gardening under glass and made her first little biosphere in a bubble.

"It was like a ship in a bottle, only it was plants," recalls Neff, a professional puppeteer who lived in Manhattan at the time. She still has the tools - long tweezers and bamboo sticks - that she purchased in a plant store in Greenwich Village.

"I'm sure I did it (with instructions) out of Woman's Day or a book," Neff says.

That garden has long since disappeared, but not her enchantment with miniature landscapes. So Neff, who took up gardening with a vengeance when she moved to Monroeville, N.J., a decade ago, signed up immediately when a local nursery offered a terrarium workshop before the holidays.

This time, she created her garden in a glass bowl, with personal touches that included mosses harvested from her 10-acre property, and presented it to her stepdaughter as a gift. "It was great

fun," she says.

Terrariums were born in the Victorian age, when plant exploration was at its height.

A British physician named Nathaniel Ward was conducting experiments with caterpillars in the 1820s when he discovered, quite accidentally, that plant life could thrive in a glass jar.

This led to the invention of the Wardian case, a mostly glass container in which live plants could be safely shipped around the globe. It proved an enormous boon to plant exploration, protecting plants from salt spray and changing climates on long ocean voyages.

The glass cases captured the people's fancy. Upscale Victorians began growing plants in ever-more-ornate versions, like smaller-scale models of the era's elaborate crystal conservatories.

But Ward saw his invention as more than just a fashionable home accessory. He was a humanitarian who also envisioned his invention as a way for the poor to be able to grow green vegetables — something that was often impossible in the heavily polluted air of urban areas in 19th-century Britain. He was, according to some accounts, an early advocate of horticultural therapy.

If terrariums in general are enjoying a revival now, so are decorative interpretations of the Wardian case, though they aren't always called that. You can find them in catalogs under such names as Victorian terrarium or Gothic conservatory.

"It's not necessarily just the hard-core horticulture places that are offering them," says Chela Kleiber, who manages educational workshops and classes for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. "They show up in a home-decorating context, as a design ele-

ment," even if they have been in them at all.

Virginia Page-Hentze teaches a terrarium workshop at Meadowbrook Farm in Newtown Township, Pa., probably to fuel the trend a few years after she began growing plants in cuttings in terrariums for practical reasons - the glass containers create an ideal environment.

"There were some of the little houses, and I started putting them up," she says. "People saw them and said, 'Terrariums!' and started doing them. It was like a little past for them."

But not for Page-Hentze. "I'm like an old hippie. I've been doing terrariums since the '70s," she says, laughing.

Lorraine Kiefer, a long-time enthusiast and co-owner of Oaks Nursery & Herb Shop in Franklinville, N.J., likes to do a bit of the woods indoors by including a few woodland plants in the large bubble terrarium on her coffee table.

"I used to make them for them when I was in 7th grade," Kiefer says.

Page-Hentze, who uses crystal bowls with plates as covers, thinks science is part of terrariums' renewed appeal.

"I'm sensing it's a change for women who travel," she says, but still a garden. "They want to have beautiful things that take time, but now they can grow in a controlled environment. They have the best of both worlds (plants) are protected from humidity, lack of water, and temperature changes."

"Once the environment is going, it takes care of itself. It can go away on vacation."



VIOLETS AND FERNS in a terrarium. Terrariums, which were all the rage in the 1970s, are making a comeback.

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